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President shares plan for Dulles makeover

Multibillion-dollar overhaul would replace aging terminals, shuttles

BY DAN DIAMOND AND LIAM SCOTT

President Donald Trump on Wednesday announced a sweeping plan to remake Dulles International Airport, including building new terminals and doing away with the airport's long-criticized shuttles, as part of his broader quest to remake Washington.

"It's time to ensure that the United States has the greatest airports anywhere in the world, and we're starting right here with the capital city," Trump said in the Oval Office, as a model of the Dulles redesign sat on the Resolute Desk.

Trump contended his overhaul was necessary because Dulles was "one of the worst airports anywhere in the world," citing consumer satisfaction surveys. He added: "Whether you're a Republican or Democrat, you don't want to go and be subjected to this airport because this airport is a terrible place to be."

Trump has spent months considering how to overhaul Dulles, hearing pitches in the Oval Office from rival construction and design firms, and looking at mock-up designs. At the briefing, he said he reviewed more than 30 proposals. Under his plan, the underground train would be fully built out to take passengers to their terminals — rather than relying on the airport's shuttles, nicknamed "people movers" — and five terminals would be built to replace the four existing ones, according to four people who spoke on the condition of anonymity to preview the plan.

Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy, who joined Trump at the announcement, compared the people movers to vehicles from the Star Wars franchise.

"They're slow, and people are angry about them," Duffy said. "We are going to get rid of those."

Meanwhile, a new underground tunnel would allow pedestrians to walk between the terminals, and more moving walkways would be added.

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Anthony S. Fauci, who helped lead the nation's pandemic response, invoked his Fifth Amendment rights time and time again.

Fauci refuses all questions at heated hearing

Sen. Rand Paul says committee will vote on holding him in contempt

BY DAN DIAMOND AND ANNA LISS-ROY

Anthony S. Fauci repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment during a Senate hearing Wednesday where Republicans pressed the retired government scientist on whether he was sufficiently truthful in past testimony about the coronavirus pandemic.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), a longtime adversary of Fauci, concluded the nearly three-hour hearing by saying the committee is planning a vote next week on whether to hold Fauci in contempt of Congress.

Paul acknowledged to GOP colleagues that there are legal questions about whether Fauci could be held in contempt — citing President Joe Biden's preemptive pardon of Fauci last year — but contended that Fauci should have just answered questions on Wednesday, even if it meant admitting to a past lie or other wrongdoing.

Fauci, who helped lead the nation's pandemic response and frequently appeared before Congress during his 54-year government career, began the hearing by saying that it "pains me" to now invoke his constitutional right against self-incrimination. But he alleged that Paul, who convened Wednesday's hearing, was wrongly seeking to trap him in a misstep that could lead to perjury charges.

"Under the advice of my attorneys, I will invoke my right under the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution to refrain from answering your questions," Fauci said.

He subsequently declined to answer questions from Paul — who began the hearing by asking Fauci about the pandemic

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Russia bill is a memorial to Graham's tenacity

He pushed for a measure to curb Moscow's main source of income

BY NOAH ROBERTSON

In a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky at the NATO summit in Turkey this month, Sen. Lindsey Graham had one request.

The South Carolina Republican asked Zelensky, who was speaking later that day with President Donald Trump, to promote the senator's bill to harden sanctions on Russia's wartime economy, multiple U.S. officials familiar with the meeting said, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the private session.

The senator traveled to Kyiv days later, where he received the news that the White House was backing the bill. To celebrate, Graham called Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut), his longtime partner on the legislation.

"I've never seen him so exuberant," Blumenthal said in an interview. "He said to me: 'This is a big effing deal. We all did good.'"

Lawmakers and officials familiar with the push to secure a deal on the Russia sanctions legislation described it as a memorial to Graham's tenacity. The senator abruptly died of a heart condition shortly after returning from Ukraine, but up until the final hours of his life, he was working on legislation that took more than a year to negotiate. Multiple colleagues said the bill would have failed without him.

"We didn't have a lot of confidence that it was even possible," said Olha Stefanishyna, Ukraine's ambassador to Washington until earlier this month. "Senator Graham's persistence and leadership brought everyone to this point."

On Tuesday, the Senate voted 86-12 to take up the package, which would allow the administration to impose up to 100 percent tariffs on the top five

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Trump threatens 'hard' hit for Iran

RETALIATION FOR MISSILE ATTACK

Comments follow U.S. and Saudi joint strikes

BY TARA COPP, ALEX HORTON, ELLEN FRANCIS AND SUSANNAH GEORGE

President Donald Trump threatened Wednesday to hit Iran "hard," after U.S. officials said Iran had launched a ballistic missile attack, which was intercepted, on U.S. military assets in the region.

The comments followed U.S. and Saudi joint strikes targeting Iranian-backed forces in Iraq overnight, in what appeared to be Riyadh's entry into the conflict between Washington and Tehran.

"We're going to hit them very hard," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office. "They've already apologized, but, you know, we got to smack them a little bit."

Trump said that Iran launched five ballistic missiles "going 8,600 miles an hour, big ones, coming right at us, and all five were shot down."

Earlier Wednesday, Iran said it had targeted a U.S. base in Jordan in response to "aggressive actions by the U.S. military," and Jordan said its air defenses intercepted five Iranian missiles.

The developments threaten to upend a recent pause in hostilities that Trump had sought in a bid to advance stalled peace negotiations. The strikes signaled a potential expansion of the five-month war, though it was not immediately clear if the thwarted missile attack and the U.S.-Saudi operation were directly related.

Global markets on Wednesday responded negatively to the renewed escalation, with oil prices jumping more than 7 percent and the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping more than 800 points.

Iran's Foreign Ministry on Wednesday accused Washington of seeking to widen the war and condemned the U.S.-Saudi attack.

U.S. Central Command, which oversees operations in the region, said in a statement that

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A home with a brown lawn sits next to a home with a green one last week in Denver.

Colorado residents are ratting out their neighbors over water usage

Scofflaws violating restrictions in drought-hit Denver have sparked tensions, turning residential streets into checkerboards of virtue and vice

BY ANNIE GOWEN

In Denver these days, it's the brown lawns versus the green.

As Colorado dries up in a historic drought, scofflaws violating water restrictions have sparked tension throughout the state's largest metropolitan area, turning residential streets into checkerboards of virtue and vice. The emerald green lawns of cheaters now abut the crispy brown grass of the rule-followers — defiance that's visible for all to see.

With record hot temperatures following a winter of little snow, the city's utility had asked that residents cut usage levels by 20 percent this summer, and mandated that customers only water their lawns twice a week.

Denverites have so far failed to meet the moment — with only about a 5 percent reduction by mid-July. And there's little relief in the forecast, with the furnace-like heat dome that descended on the central United States expected to last through the week.

More than 4,000 people have reported their neighbors for cheating on the restrictions this summer, the utility said, leading to one story in the Denver Post with thousands of comments, most along the lines of "Snitches get stitches."

"Our yard would look so much better if everyone else's grass was also dead," said Keifer Hunniford, a tech executive who lives in a quiet neighborhood of mid-century homes on the east side of the city.

Hunniford, 58, has spent the summer averting his eyes from the big burnt patch in the middle of his yard — it's too depressing. Meanwhile, his neighbors' sprinklers whirl on and off many days.

At a briefing for the state's drought task force, Russ Schumacher last week outlined the grim circumstances, and said that the time period from October through June was the hottest and fourth driest on record.

More than 90 percent of the state remains in a drought condition, according to Schumacher, the state climatologist and director of the Colorado Climate Center. Reservoirs are drying up and

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Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro (D) this week with Bob Brooks, left, a congressional candidate in Pennsylvania, and House Minority Leader Hakeen Jeffries (D-New York).

A centrist is trying to prove his brand of Democratic politics works

Karen Tumulty
THE TAKE

BETHLEHEM, PA. — It was not by happenstance that House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-New York) chose a union hall here in the Lehigh Valley to launch the final 100-day sprint toward the midterm election. "This is ground zero for the battle to control Congress," the speaker-in-waiting declared.

The same could be said for the centrality of this state — and this election — to the presidential aspirations of a Democrat who shared the stage Sunday with Jeffries: Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro.

Were the popular governor to run nationally in 2028, and the current assumption is he will, what happens in his crucial state in November could be a compelling argument not only for his electability but for his ability to carry others over the finish line.

This year, Pennsylvania holds four of the House races that Democrats consider to be among their top opportunities for flipping Republican-held seats. That's more competitive races than in any other state, according to the House Democrats' campaign operation.

President Donald Trump carried three of those districts in 2024. But in the 2022 gubernatorial election, Shapiro, then the state's attorney general, won all four by double digits against a far-right opponent.

"Pennsylvania is always the ultimate swing state, the state that kind of decides it all," Shapiro, who is running for a second term, said in an interview. "And so it is not a stretch to imagine if we win these races here, that'll create a Democratic majority in the U.S. House."

Shapiro is a heavy favorite against the Republican gubernatorial nominee, State Treasurer Stacy Garrity. He has raised more than $50 million to run up the score, and create an updraft that could help candidates lower on the ballot.

He has also had a hand in who those candidates are. Shapiro endorsed the Democratic candidates in all four of Pennsylvania's most hotly contested congressional districts in their primaries. One of them, Bob Brooks, spent 20 years as a firefighter in Bethlehem and was Shapiro's pick in a hard-fought primary to take on Republican incumbent Ryan Mackenzie. In 2024, Mackenzie beat Democratic Rep. Susan Wild by one percentage point.

As he prepared to introduce Shapiro here on Sunday, Brooks emphasized his background as an outsider who can relate to the pressures that ordinary people are under: "I have to be honest. Running for Congress was not on my bingo card. I'm not a politician. Far from it, actually. I'm a regular working person, like so many of the faces that I see in this room."

Meanwhile, Keystone State Democrats are also hoping to flip the state Senate, where Republicans have a 27-23 majority, while also maintaining their narrow hold on the House. If they can do it, they would be looking at their first unified hold on state government in more than three decades.

> *"Pennsylvania is always the ultimate swing state, the state that kind of decides it all."*
>
> **Josh Shapiro,** Pennsylvania governor

Shapiro has pledged he would use that power to raise the minimum wage to $15 an hour, from its current $7.25; fund mass transit; build more housing and codify abortion rights into state law.

All of which could be rolled into a national message, the outlines of which became apparent as the governor talked about his agenda. "We all need to do our part to stop the chaos and cruelty and corruption of Donald Trump," he said, "and that's going to require us here at the state level having a trifecta so that we can pass policies that help the people of Pennsylvania while Trump is hurting them."

Having seen his state vote twice for Trump, in 2016 and 2024, Shapiro is working to build up the Democratic infrastructure. He recently unveiled a multimillion-dollar effort that party officials say is the largest coordinated midterm operation in the state's history. It boasts having opened 27 offices across the state and hiring nearly 100 full-time organizers.

The governor has also addressed one of the more worrisome trends for Pennsylvania Democrats: Their voter registration advantage over Republicans had dropped precipitously over recent election cycles.

Between 2020 and 2024, the registration gap between the two parties was cut by more than half, leaving Democrats with an edge of 325,000, down from 686,000. It was a warning sign that Trump was going to win the state and its 19 electoral votes.

This year, with the midterms approaching, the numbers are starting to turn around; Democrats have added nearly 25,500 to the registration rolls, while Republican numbers have dropped by more than 4,500, according to voter registration data analyzed by PennLive.com.

Retooling and professionalizing the party is a project that Shapiro began almost a year ago, he said, and now, "I'm investing millions of dollars in helping elevate other Democrats on the ballot, spending my time campaigning for people like Bob Brooks and others."

If all of this works as he hopes, it might be the foundation for a presidential campaign. Unknowable at this point, however, is whether the Democratic base in 2028 will be looking for a Mr. Fix-It whose appeal stretches across party lines, or will move further leftward in its fury at the establishment.

Shapiro insists — as presidential candidates nearly always do at this stage of the game — that none of this is his concern at the moment.

"What I'm focused on are these midterms," which in Pennsylvania "will be decided on a razor's edge," Shapiro said. "Folks are fed up and angry and frustrated. The best way to demonstrate that, the best way to show that we're against what Trump is doing, is to show up and vote in record numbers."

Trump asks high court to overturn $83M verdict in E. Jean Carroll case

Separately, DOJ seeks to replace the president as the defendant

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL AND JEREMY ROEBUCK

President Donald Trump asked the Supreme Court on Tuesday to overturn an $83 million judgment against him for defaming advice columnist E. Jean Carroll, who accused him of sexually assaulting her decades ago.

Trump's attorneys asserted in court filings that the Supreme Court's 2024 decision granting presidents sweeping immunity for actions taken in office shields him from liability in the high-profile case.

"This is the first case in our Nation's history in which a court has imposed damages liability on a President for his conduct in office," the attorneys wrote.

Separately, the Justice Department petitioned the high court Tuesday to allow the federal government to replace Trump as the defendant in the case.

Should the justices permit the swap, it would potentially clear the way for the Trump administration to ask for the massive judgment to be voided because the federal government cannot be sued for defamation. Lower courts have denied similar requests by the agency.

Justice officials argue that the United States should be substituted as the defendant under a law that grants federal employees some immunity from civil damages for actions taken within the scope of their employment.

They said that some of the comments at issue in Carroll's defamation claim occurred during Trump's first presidency.

"Absent this Court's intervention, the sitting President is facing nearly a hundred million dollars of personal liability for conduct that was well within the scope of his federal office," the Justice Department wrote. "That alone deserves this Court's attention."

When asked for comment, a spokesman for Trump's attorneys referred a reporter to the court filings Tuesday night. Carroll's attorneys declined to comment on the appeal.

A Manhattan jury awarded Carroll the money in 2024, following a civil trial in which she testified that Trump attacked her in a dressing room at the Bergdorf Goodman department store in Manhattan in the mid-1990s. Trump denies the allegations.

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E. Jean Carroll accused Donald Trump of sexually assaulting her in a dressing room in the mid-1990s.

Carroll first went public with the claims in 2019, prompting angry rebukes by Trump. Trump said the allegation that he had sexually assaulted Carroll was a "complete con job," a "Hoax" and a "Scam" concocted to sell her memoir.

At other points, he said she was too unattractive for him to take an interest in her and accused her of lying. The comments prompted years of threats and attacks against Carroll by Trump's supporters.

> *Trump's attorneys asserted in court filings that a 2024 Supreme Court decision shields him from liability in the high-profile case.*

An appeals court panel upheld the $83.3 million verdict in September and denied Trump's request in April for the full court to rehear the case. The moves paved the way for Trump's appeal to the Supreme Court.

In November, Trump appealed to the Supreme Court a $5 million verdict in a separate defamation case Carroll brought against the president.

The jury found Trump liable for sexually abusing and defaming Carroll. In June, the Supreme Court let stand that verdict against Trump.

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Lindsey Graham mourned and honored in South Carolina

Sen. Lindsey Graham returned for the last time Wednesday to South Carolina, where powerful friends remembered him as someone who never stopped working for the state he loved. Graham died suddenly July 11 at his home in Washington, likely of an aortic tear, according to preliminary findings.

At top, the casket carrying Graham is carried by the South Carolina State Guard caisson detachment Wednesday during a processional from the South Carolina State House grounds to the First Baptist Church of Columbia in Columbia, South Carolina.

At right, Sen. Darline Graham (R-South Carolina), sister of the late senator, and her husband, Larry Norton, attend Wednesday's services in South Carolina.

At far right, a pallbearer team prepares to carry the casket to the First Baptist Church of Columbia for the funeral.

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10-foot 'Iran War Participation Trophy' mocking Trump arrives in New York

BY HARRISON SMITH AND JOE HEIM

NEW YORK — First D.C., then Manhattan.

The satirical art group responsible for about a dozen public pieces mocking President Donald Trump in the nation's capital over the past 20 months has now landed in New York.

The anonymous artists who call themselves the Secret Handshake left their mark in Lower Manhattan on Wednesday morning, placing a 10-foot-tall trophy, spray-painted gold and emblazoned with a #1 on its side, in Foley Square.

A large plaque below the "Iran War Participation Trophy" reads: "We hereby award President Donald J. Trump this participation trophy for his enthusiastic involvement in the Iran War. While some concern themselves with military strategy, diplomacy, or measurable outcomes, President Trump demonstrated the courage to participate regardless of the final score."

The war in Iran, which began Feb. 28, has resulted in the deaths of 18 U.S. service members and wounded more than 600.

Walking to catch the subway, Maren Stange, 79, stopped and chuckled as she bent to read the rest of the trophy inscription: "President Trump joins the ranks of children everywhere who received recognition for simply showing up."

Stange, who said she had never heard of the Secret Handshake, wasn't sure the statue would change anything. "It's funny and it's smart," she said. "But what's it going to do?"

The installation, which was first displayed in Washington this month, invites anyone to contribute their own participation trophies to the project.

Arranged around the plinth were more than three dozen mock trophies and awards. One seemed to mock Trump's electoral history: "Lost Arizona," read a baby blue Honorable Mention ribbon, dangling from the neck of a tennis trophy.

A trophy of a martial arts figure, leg raised in a kick, bore the printed message "Most Swollen Cankles" attached to its white base. One small gold chess award was labeled "Smallest Hands Award."

"It's just kind of trolling Donald Trump," said DJ Hairston, 37, an attorney headed to the nearby criminal court. "It's definitely funny. Because that's what this is — this is a participation war. It's all stupid. It's all a farce. And this is what Donald Trump wants. He wants a big gold trophy in the middle of Manhattan."

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Passersby examine the installation on Wednesday in New York's Foley Square. It was first displayed in Washington this month.

Michael Chrzynowski, 46, and his mother, Candace Goudey, 69, stopped to examine the trophy and the trophy spawn.

"It's cathartic. They're mocking him," Goudey said. "And then you turn around and read, 'The true administration of justice is the firmest pillar of good government,'" a message engraved in stone across the street, above the entranceway of the New York County Supreme Court building.

It felt, she said, like that sense of justice was lacking from the Trump administration.

"These untalented 'artists' should stick to their ugly 'art' and refrain from weighing in on foreign policy — which they clearly know nothing about, given the fact that the United States Military achieved all of its objectives during Operation Epic Fury," White House spokeswoman Anna Kelly said in an email when the trophy first appeared in Washington on July 13.

The Secret Handshake, whose members have declined in phone interviews with The Washington Post to provide any identifying information, has previously placed installations at locations across D.C.

Earlier works by the group include a statue of Trump and Jeffrey Epstein holding hands, a mock tribute to Trump from the world's authoritarian leaders and a reproduction of the desk of former House speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California) with a pile of fake excrement on it that ridiculed the Jan. 6, 2021, rioters who sought to overturn the 2020 election.

Many of the previous installations were at prominent spots on the National Mall, including directly in view of the Capitol's west side. Those received a National Park Service permit for temporary display,

In Foley Square, some lawyers with briefcases, heading to one of the courthouses nearby, did a double take when they spotted the trophy, then kept walking.

"That's a first," said a New York court officer, who declined to give his name. "Who put that there? The Secret Handshake? I've never heard of them." He shook his head and began walking to work. "Listen, he's no worse than any other president, I tell you that much."

A man in a red T-shirt bearing the message "Peace of Mind" squinted at the trophy, read the plaque, raised his hands and flipped the bird — two of them — which he said was directed at the president.

Welcome to New York.

Prosecutors relied on accounts from mobster, actress to build Comey case

Former FBI director seeks dismissal of charges that he threatened Trump's life

BY JEREMY ROEBUCK

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Former FBI director James Comey in 2017. The Justice Department has characterized a 2025 post of seashells spelling out "86 47" as a threat to President Donald Trump.

FBI agents interviewed convicted mobster Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano and relied on statements from an actress from the TV show "Scandal" as part of what lawyers for former FBI director James B. Comey described late Tuesday as a highly unusual effort to prosecute him over a social media post.

Those new details emerged in a series of court filings from Comey's defense team attacking the charges filed against him earlier this year over a photo he posted to Instagram of seashells spelling out "86 47."

The Justice Department has characterized the May 2025 post as a threat to President Donald Trump, saying that "86" is known slang for "murder" and "47" refers to Trump, the 47th president of the United States. Comey has apologized for the posting but denied he had any violent intent, and derided the prosecution as an improper effort to target him for his vocal criticism of the president.

The filings by Comey's defense include FBI search warrant applications for Comey's digital accounts, memos detailing several interviews conducted by agents and other government documents provided to Comey's defense team in preparation for trial. They provide the fullest account to date of the Justice Department's stop-and-start efforts over nearly a year to secure an indictment in the face of sustained pressure from the White House to charge Comey with a crime.

"Ample objective evidence — much of which comes directly from government officials' own public statements and admissions — establishes that the President's animus toward Mr. Comey led to this vindictive and selective prosecution," Comey's lawyers wrote.

The Justice Department has not yet filed its formal response to Comey's claims.

In the Tuesday filings, Comey's attorneys described "86 47" as a "slogan used to oppose President Trump."

At one point, shortly after Comey took down the photo of the shells — which he has said he stumbled across while walking on a beach in North Carolina — a top Justice Department official ordered the Secret Service to surveil the former FBI director and his wife, the defense lawyers said. They said government documents showed Trump sought updates on that surveillance in real time as he returned from a foreign trip on Air Force One.

The filings indicate that even as agents forged ahead with their investigation, they repeatedly struggled to find evidence to substantiate the central claim of their case: that in posting the photo Comey knowingly posed a "true threat" to the president.

For instance, when an agent interviewed Gravano — a Gambino crime family member turned government cooperator — this spring in hopes he would back up their contention that "86" was well-known mafia slang, the mobster insisted, according to the defense filings, that "a gangster would never use that term."

Gravano did not indicate that he viewed Comey's seashell post as a threat to personally attack the president, according to a memo recounting that interview included in the defense filings. But he acknowledged that the former FBI director, who had prosecuted mob cases earlier in his career, would have likely heard the term "86" used with violent connotations previously.

Gravano urged the investigators to speak to John Gleeson, a famed former New York mob prosecutor and contemporary of Comey's, to back up his assessment.

It was not clear from the filings Tuesday whether the FBI followed up on that suggestion, but Comey's team did.

"The claim that '86' is mafia jargon for 'kill' is preposterous," Gleeson, a former judge now in private practice, wrote in an affidavit included in the defense team's filings. "If it weren't made in the context of seeking to deprive a man of his liberty, it would be laughable."

Federal agents also interviewed a person described in the filings Tuesday as an estranged former associate of Comey. That individual is identified in the documents only as "Person-1," and their job and connection to Comey is not detailed.

That person made clear from the start that she was not supportive of Comey and said she "hoped he goes to jail" for the "crimes he committed" as FBI director. But she told agents she did not initially view Comey's post as threatening, and believed "86" was slang used among workers in the food service industry to describe when an item was taken off a menu.

It was only after the person heard former Trump lawyer Rudy Giuliani on a podcast discussing the term in the context of the mafia that she began to believe the post could be seen as a call for violence, the person told agents, according to a summary of that interview included in the defense filings.

At one point, agents even turned to artificial intelligence tools in hopes of finding support for the claim that "86" was mafia slang. The tool they used described that theory as an "urban legend," according to Comey's lawyers.

Despite those setbacks, the investigation continued for nearly a year. Trump has repeatedly called for Comey to be charged with a crime. And that pressure only intensified after a previous Justice Department effort to prosecute the Comey for alleged false statements to Congress was thrown out before trial by a federal judge who concluded the U.S. attorney overseeing the case had been illegally appointed.

In April, Trump fired Attorney General Pam Bondi in part over his frustration with the pace of her efforts to prosecute his perceived political enemies. The defense documents Tuesday show that the investigation of Comey's seashell post intensified shortly after her firing, under Bondi's replacement and former deputy, acting attorney general Todd Blanche.

Though department officials had previously shopped the case to federal prosecutors in Virginia, it was the U.S. attorney's office in Raleigh, North Carolina, near the beach where Comey saw the seashell arrangement, that ultimately took up the case.

FBI agents there applied for two search warrants to access Comey's electronic records in March and May. In them, they sought to undermine Comey's public apologies for the post, including during an appearance he made to explain the situation on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert."

Investigators cited a 2014 Slate interview with actress Darby Stanchfield, who starred in the TV show "Scandal," detailing how TV show guests often do "pre-interviews" with a show's producers to work out what they will say on air. Based on that account, the agent wrote, it was likely that Comey workshopped his apology for the seashell post before his appearance on Colbert's show.

That assertion was included in one of the filings from Comey's defense team's Tuesday, as his lawyers accused prosecutors of twisting information and hiding other details from the magistrate judges who approved the warrants, including investigators' previous failed attempts to substantiate the violent meaning of "86." Those omissions, the attorneys said, should warrant dismissal of the case.

Comey's lawyers have also sought dismissal on a number of other grounds, including that Comey's post was protected by the First Amendment and that the case amounts to an improperly vindictive prosecution driven not by the facts but by the president's animus toward Comey.

The Justice Department is expected to file its formal response to Comey's claims early next month and a trial is currently scheduled for the fall. Department officials have not yet said what evidence they intend to present against Comey should they get the opportunity to present their case to a jury.

Comey was charged with one count of making threats against the president and another count of transmitting a threat against state lines.

Blanche, speaking to reporters about the case earlier this year, defended the department's investigation and predicted prosecutors would be able to prove Comey's ill intent to a jury.

"You prove intent with witnesses, with documents, with the defendant himself to the extent it's appropriate," he said. "And that's how we'll prove intent in this case."

Vote on Blanche's nomination postponed amid standoff with GOP holdouts

BY JEREMY ROEBUCK, THEODORIC MEYER AND PERRY STEIN

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Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) departs following a vote at the U.S. Capitol on Monday.

The Senate committee weighing Todd Blanche's bid to become the next attorney general postponed a key vote on his nomination Wednesday, amid a standoff between the Trump administration and two Republican senators who have threatened to withhold their support.

The postponement was a high-profile setback for President Donald Trump, and a further indication that congressional Republicans are becoming more willing to stand up to him on key matters. It also leaves the fate of Blanche's nomination uncertain after Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced the vote's deferral just hours before it was set to take place at a 9 a.m. Thursday hearing.

Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Sen. Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina) had insisted that the Trump administration limit — in writing — central provisions of a controversial deal struck this spring between the Justice Department and the president to resolve a lawsuit he filed against the IRS over the leak of his tax returns. DOJ was not able to provide the senators sufficient assurances to win their agreement to support Blanche.

The senators have said their votes for Blanche's nomination hinge on their requested changes to the deal. A "no" vote from either one of them would be enough to sink Blanche's nomination at the committee stage, given the expectation that all Judiciary Committee Democrats will oppose Blanche's confirmation.

For days, administration officials have resisted Cornyn's and Tillis's demands, while the senators have said they are not backing down. Late Wednesday, it became clear the impasse would not be broken in time for Thursday's planned committee vote, and Grassley opted to push back the committee's vote on Blanche rather than risk the growing possibility that his nomination would be voted down.

"Chairman Grassley works to set President Trump's nominees up for success in committee, not failure," Grassley's office said a statement. "Senators Cornyn and Tillis want written assurances from the Department of Justice regarding the Trump-IRS settlement. Tomorrow's markup is postponed as work continues to secure sufficient support in committee to favorably report Attorney General-nominee Todd Blanche, who is highly qualified for the job."

Spokespeople for the Justice Department and the White House did not immediately return requests for comment.

Even if Blanche manages to satisfy Cornyn and Tillis in the days to come and the committee vote is rescheduled, the delay could imperil Republican plans to hold a full Senate vote to confirm Blanche before the chamber departs for its August recess.

The dispute pitting the administration against Cornyn and Tillis — who are both leaving the Senate after this year and who have shown an increasing willingness to publicly break with the president — centers on the two central pillars of the deal the Justice Department announced this spring to resolve the president's lawsuit against the IRS for a leak of his tax returns.

The first, which would have established a nearly $1.8 billion taxpayer pool of money to compensate people who claim they were victims of political prosecutions, drew bipartisan backlash upon its announcement.

Shortly after, Blanche pledged publicly that the Justice Department no longer intended to move forward with plans for the fund. But he has resisted calls from lawmakers and a federal judge to put that commitment in writing. Trump, meanwhile, has continued to express support since then for something resembling the fund proposal.

Blanche has also continued to maintain that the Justice Department will honor the second provision of the deal, which purported to shield Trump, his family and their businesses from past tax claims — a potentially lucrative benefit for a president who has often complained about burdensome IRS audits.

Tillis, who opted not to seek reelection this year and has shown an increasing willingness to tangle with Trump, has expressed concern that the payout fund could end up rewarding defendants who attacked police during the Jan. 6, 2021 attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Cornyn, who lost his reelection bid in May after Trump endorsed his primary opponent, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, shared Tillis's worries on the fund and has said he wants the administration to clarify, in writing, that the tax protections afforded by the deal do not apply to the Trump family's future actions.

Though Blanche has maintained he did not play a central role in negotiating the deal, his signature is the only one on the document regarding the tax protections extended the president.

At his Senate confirmation earlier this month, the acting attorney general balked at Cornyn's calls for the deal to be formally amended, describing the matter as "moot."

"The weaponization fund is dead," he said. "It is not moving forward."

Cornyn, unsatisfied, shot back.

"Just to be clear, the president of the United States, who's a plaintiff in this lawsuit, has not agreed in writing to delete the 'anti-weaponization fund' and there's no guarantee that he won't raise it in the future?" he said.

A Justice Department official said Blanche sent a proposal to the senator's staff Tuesday in advance of his meeting with Cornyn, hoping to address his concerns.

Whatever the cause of the discrepancy, Cornyn made clear his concerns had not been addressed. "They know what they need to do but they simply refuse to do it," he said, adding that he was still "not prepared to vote yes" on Blanche.

Cornyn's continued resistance set off a scramble Wednesday afternoon with hours to go before the vote. The senator at one point Wednesday told reporters he'd provided his own proposal to Blache's office, giving them a 4 p.m. deadline to accede to his demands or risk postponement of the vote.

As that deadline approached with no word of a resolution, Grassley met with Cornyn and Tillis to discuss next steps.

"We've heard from them," Cornyn said of the Justice Department, speaking to reporters afterward. "It's just they've refused to commit to writing what he testified to under oath. It's not a big ask."

It was not clear Wednesday when — or if — the committee vote might be rescheduled. Regardless, Blanche is expected to remain as the head of the Justice Department in an acting capacity until then.

5 takeaways from the Senate hearing where Fauci refused to answer questions

BY ANNA LISS-ROY AND DAN DIAMOND

For almost three hours Wednesday, Republican senators grilled Anthony S. Fauci with dozens of questions at a hearing focused on the origins of the covid-19 pandemic and whether Fauci previously lied under oath to Congress. Again and again, the 85-year-old former government scientist gave the same response.

"On the advice of counsel, I respectfully decline to answer based upon my rights under the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution," Fauci said. He delivered variations of that answer more than 100 times.

Fauci was subpoenaed to appear before the Senate's government oversight committee by its chairman, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), who has spent years alleging that Fauci participated in a cover-up of the possible origins of the covid-19 pandemic. Paul has also blamed Fauci for inadvertently sparking the pandemic — noting that Fauci's agency previously funded coronavirus research in Wuhan, China, where the outbreak was first detected in late 2019 — and has called for him to be put in prison.

Fauci has denied the allegations in repeated appearances before Congress, most recently in a combative 2024 hearing. Infectious-disease experts have also insisted to Paul and other Republicans that while Fauci's former agency, the National Institutes of Health, funded virus research in Wuhan, the work could not have caused the pandemic.

Fauci said Wednesday that he refused to testify because he believed Paul was seeking to wrongly trap him.

"The only conclusion I can reach is that the sole reason he is calling me before this committee is to get me to say something — anything — that could vindicate his repeated public pledges that I end up, in his words, 'behind bars,'" Fauci said, before announcing his plan to invoke the Fifth Amendment.

Here are five takeaways from the hearing.

1. Republicans tore into Fauci

Senate Republicans did not miss their chance to lace into Fauci. They inquired. They mocked. They goaded. At times, they flat-out insulted. Beyond asking about covid-19's origins, senators accused Fauci of mishandling pandemic guidance and accused him of using his growing profile during the pandemic for personal benefit.

Paul, a longtime adversary of Fauci, was visibly frustrated with Fauci's nonanswers. Paul warned the former official that it was against the law to obstruct an investigation and threatened "repercussions" for Fauci's unresponsiveness. When Fauci's attorney, David Schertler, asked to make a comment, a back-and-forth led to Paul removing the lawyer from the room.

It was the first of many tense moments.

"Nothing says honesty like taking the Fifth, huh, Doc," Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Missouri) said, leaning forward in his seat. The senator grew heated in his questioning, raising his voice and pointing with both hands as he accused Fauci of enriching himself.

A Hawley staffer propped up an image of a magazine cover for which Fauci posed in September 2020. "You became a narcissist and a megalomaniac and a liar," Hawley said.

Fauci leaned forward, looking down at the table in front of him, hands fidgeting in his lap, glancing up occasionally at the senators accosting him.

At one point, Sen. Bernie Moreno (R-Ohio) asked audience members to stand up if they had disagreed with or been harmed by policies such as mask requirements and school closures. More than a dozen stood. Moreno asked Fauci to turn around and look at them. Fauci turned to confer with his lawyers, then faced forward again.

Sen. James Lankford (R-Oklahoma) adopted a warmer tone toward Fauci than his colleagues did. "I know you're invoking your Fifth Amendment right, which you have the right to be able to do constitutionally," he said. "Thanks for coming to be a part of this."

2. Democrats defended Fauci — mostly

Democrats portrayed Fauci as a hero and said the GOP attacks were baseless. They also criticized Republicans for attacking public health officials like Fauci while supporting the Trump administration's cuts to public health research and funding.

Sen. Gary Peters (Michigan), the committee's top Democrat, called Paul's efforts biased. "One-sided investigations designed to validate predetermined conclusions do not serve the American people," Peters said.

Fauci and other public health officials have saved lives, said Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut). "Today, we are demeaning and degrading their lifesaving service," he added.

One Democrat struck a different note.

Sen. John Fetterman (D-Pennsylvania) was not going to attack Fauci, he said, but he wouldn't defend him, either. Instead, Fetterman shared a regret: that the lab-leak theory came to be seen by some as a right-wing conspiracy theory, preventing people like himself from taking it seriously.

"I hope … the next time our nation's facing something like this, we are not … as I might have been, blinded by the partisan idea that maybe the truth might come from a side that's different than you are," Fetterman said.

3. The hearing shows how divisions have calcified

Wednesday was the latest example in a years-long trend: Congressional lawmakers have been unable to work together on a probe of the pandemic's origins.

A House investigation of the government's pandemic response began in early 2023 with the top Republican and Democrat pledging to work together. It descended into partisan bickering and dueling reports about what the investigation found, and whether Fauci was personally culpable.

In the Senate, a bipartisan plan to set up a commission investigating the nation's covid response repeatedly stalled out. Democrats have accused Republicans of promoting conspiracy theories about Fauci's role and other aspects of the response, while GOP officials say liberals and the media have not been sufficiently transparent about mistakes that government officials made.

Paul, particularly, has long vowed to hold Fauci accountable for his "crimes" — a claim that Fauci and his allies say made it impossible to cooperate with him Wednesday.

4. Paul's threat to hold Fauci in contempt raises new legal questions

The chairman said his committee plans to hold a vote next week on whether Fauci was in contempt of Congress. But he and his colleagues acknowledged legal uncertainty about how to proceed, complicated by President Joe Biden's preemptive pardon for Fauci before Biden left office.

Lankford asked Paul if there is guidance on whether Fauci could be held in contempt for refusing to answer questions after making an opening statement. Lankford noted a 2013 episode in the House in which an IRS official made an opening statement and then invoked her Fifth Amendment right to not answer questions about whether her agency had wrongly targeted conservative groups. The GOP-led House concluded that the official had waived her Fifth Amendment rights by making an opening statement, and she was ultimately found in contempt.

"Are we dealing with the same issue here?" Lankford asked.

Paul said that was among the legal questions lawmakers would consider. He added that the courts may need to settle whether, with "a presidential pardon that offers you complete immunity, you can still claim that you need protection" in a congressional hearing.

"Dr. Fauci isn't liable for anything as long as he tells the truth," Paul added.

Some past congressional witnesses have also repeatedly pleaded the Fifth. Martin Shkreli, a controversial pharmaceutical investor, refused to answer questions in front of a House Oversight Committee hearing in 2016, annoying lawmakers with his smirking. While lawmakers discussed holding Shkreli in contempt of Congress, they ultimately did not.

Regina Wallace-Jones, the head of the Democratic fundraising engine ActBlue, also repeatedly invoked the Fifth Amendment during a congressional hearing last month in which Republicans pressed her on the platform's process for vetting foreign donations.

"It is the only reasonable response to a proceeding that from the beginning has been about harassing a political opponent's fundraising platform, not genuine oversight," she wrote in The Washington Post.

House Republicans have threatened to hold ActBlue in contempt.

5. Evolving perceptions of Fauci

Fauci was initially seen as a unifying figure, particularly in the early days of the pandemic as Americans looked for answers — and the highly visible doctor provided them in TV interviews, podcast appearances and other forums.

About 8 in 10 Americans in April 2020 said they trusted Fauci to provide reliable information on the pandemic, including similar shares of Republicans and Democrats, according to polling by KFF, a nonpartisan health care research and polling organization. But within two years, only about 5 in 10 Americans had trust in Fauci, a decline driven by plunging GOP support: Just one-quarter of Republicans said they trusted the doctor, according to KFF.

Some of that was fueled by relentless criticism of Fauci in conservative media, which blamed him for pandemic policies that were increasingly viewed as too harsh. It was also driven by President Donald Trump, who empowered Fauci in early 2020 and followed his advice on imposing shutdowns and other measures, before distancing himself from the doctor later that year and repeatedly criticizing his guidance.

"I didn't mind him, I didn't find him to be bad personally, as a person," Trump told "Fox & Friends" on Tuesday. "But I didn't agree with what he was saying or what he was doing."

Fauci has previously said that Trump soured on him as the pandemic stretched on and the 2020 presidential election drew closer, with Trump telling the scientist to be more optimistic about the virus's risks in his media appearances.

Fauci still retains more trust than some current leaders.

Fifty-four percent of Americans in February said they were confident that Fauci had provided the public with trustworthy medical information, according to a February poll by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania. That exceeded the level of trust in current Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who was at 38 percent.

Fauci repeatedly invokes the Fifth Amendment at contentious Senate hearing

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response and whether there was a folder in front of him on the table — and other lawmakers, invoking the Fifth dozens of times.

Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Missouri) peppered Fauci with basic questions, such as the day of the week and what color tie he was wearing. Fauci declined to answer those questions, too. At times, senators grew heated, with Hawley alternately using a mocking tone — repeatedly referring to Fauci as "doc" — and raising his voice to lace into him.

At one point, a Hawley staffer propped up an image of a magazine cover for which Fauci posed in September 2020. "You became a narcissist and a megalomaniac and a liar," Hawley said.

When it was Sen. Bernie Moreno's turn, the Ohio Republican hurled expletives at Fauci. "Do you feel like you're in deep shit?" the senator asked at one point.

Fauci pleaded the Fifth.

Democrats, meanwhile, praised Fauci as a hero and thanked him for his work fighting infectious diseases.

Fauci's lawyer alleged that Paul was fixated on Fauci after their clashes at the height of the pandemic — referring to a 2021 incident in which the two men traded accusations of lying — and that the senator's sole purpose for the hearing was to punish Fauci and see him in prison.

"The accusations that Chairman Paul continues to propagate are false and disgraceful, and we will examine all options to hold him accountable," David Schertler, Fauci's attorney, said in a statement.

In Paul's opening statement, he repeated his past allegations that Fauci, a longtime leader at the National Institutes of Health, was involved in covering up the possibility that the coronavirus outbreak began with a lab leak in Wuhan, China. Paul has also repeatedly alleged that Fauci lied in past hearings about the NIH's role funding coronavirus research in Wuhan before the pandemic began and has repeatedly blamed Fauci for millions of deaths related to the outbreak and said that the infectious-disease expert should be imprisoned.

Sen. Gary Peters (Michigan), the committee's top Democrat, called Paul's efforts biased. "One-sided investigations designed to validate predetermined conclusions do not serve the American people," Peters said.

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Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky) listens to Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin) before the hearing.

Fauci's nonanswers frustrated Republican senators and led to complications of their own. After Fauci pleaded the Fifth to each of Paul's opening questions, the senator warned the former official it was against the law to obstruct an investigation and threatened "repercussions" for Fauci's unresponsiveness.

Schertler, seated at the table next to Fauci, asked to make a comment. Paul said Schertler was not recognized, criticized him for sitting at the table next to his client when he had been told not to and threatened to remove him. Moreno gestured for security.

"Another word, and you're gone," Paul said.

"Very well," Schertler responded.

Peters said he would like to hear what Fauci's attorney had to say. Paul again declined to recognize the attorney and accused him of disrupting the proceedings.

"Will you allow me to make a short statement?" Fauci's attorney asked again. Paul called for security to remove him. "Buh-bye," the attorney said as he picked up his briefcase and was escorted out.

Ahead of the hearing, Paul released more than 1,000 pages of Fauci's personal records, including a diary that contained his unvarnished thoughts on President Donald Trump and other officials, saying that Fauci's private comments conflicted with his public statements and testimony.

The 85-year-old Fauci, who last faced the Senate in September 2022 and retired from government later that year, has persistently denied Paul's allegations and on Wednesday said that Paul's decision to release his personal diary was "aimed at embarrassing and intimidating me" before the hearing. He also said that he has already spent days "answering questions about the very issues that are now the subject of this hearing," referring to past appearances before Congress.

"The only conclusion I can reach is that the sole reason he is calling me before this committee is to get me to say something — anything — that could vindicate his repeated public pledges that I end up, in his words, 'behind bars,'" Fauci said.

Fauci was preemptively pardoned by Biden before he left office, with Biden saying that Fauci and other officials receiving preemptive pardons had not committed wrongdoing but were at risk from the incoming Trump administration. Ahead of the hearing, Paul and other Republicans had said if Fauci lied to the Senate on Wednesday, it would fall outside the protections conveyed by Biden's pardon.

Paul has insisted that scrutiny of Fauci is necessary.

Ahead of the hearing, Fauci's allies dismissed Paul's investigation as baseless, pointing to examples of Fauci publicly acknowledging the possibility that the virus leaked from a lab, beginning in early 2020.

"No credible evidence has been produced to support these absurd charges," more than 150 scientists, physicians and other Fauci supporters wrote in an open letter released Tuesday. "These conspiracy theories have led to a five-year period of harassment and threats of violence directed at Dr. Fauci and his family."

Infectious-disease experts have also insisted to Paul and other Republicans that while the NIH funded virus research in Wuhan, where the coronavirus outbreak was first detected in 2019, the work could not have sparked the pandemic.

But Paul and his allies appear to be winning the battle of public opinion.

Fifty-seven percent of respondents to a May 2025 Economist/YouGov poll said it was probably or definitely true that the coronavirus originated in a Chinese laboratory, while 17 percent said that was probably or definitely false. Another 25 percent were unsure.

Trump and his White House have embraced the idea too, creating a website that calls a lab leak the "true" origin of the pandemic, without sharing any definitive proof.

Paul, who assumed control of the Senate's government oversight panel in 2025 after Republicans won control of the chamber, has spent years investigating the origins of covid-19. Beginning in 2020, Paul has used congressional hearings to grill Fauci over that issue and his handling of the pandemic generally. Videos of their tense exchanges have circulated on social media.

Fauci, who last faced off with Paul publicly in 2022, has repeatedly denied accusations from the GOP senator and other Republicans. In a 2021 hearing, Fauci told Paul that the NIH "has not ever and does not now fund gain-of-function research" — a type of research involving the manipulation of viruses or other microbes — at the Wuhan Institute of Virology. Fauci in 2024 also battled GOP lawmakers at a House hearing, his most recent previous appearance in front of Congress, dismissing some of their allegations as "simply preposterous."

In 2023, Paul published a book about what he called the "Great Covid Cover-Up" — featuring a photo of Fauci wearing a mask on the cover — and during the pandemic he solicited campaign donations through a website calling for Fauci to be fired.

Ahead of Wednesday's hearing, Paul released a slew of documents that have been embarrassing for Fauci and created new complications for him. In one release, Paul published internal NIH emails that appear to show Fauci and his colleagues strategizing about how to win prizes during the pandemic, an issue that Republicans raised at the hearing.

Teen who killed 4 at Georgia school gets life in prison

Sentence includes no possibility of parole for 2024 rampage

BY BRADY DENNIS

Colt Gray, who at 14 became the youngest mass school shooter in a quarter-century when he killed four people at a Georgia high school in September 2024, was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"You understood the horror of what you were going to do," Piedmont Superior Court Judge Nicholas Primm said in issuing his decision. "This wasn't transient immaturity. It was deliberate, contemplated evil."

The judge's decision comes nearly two years after Gray entered Apalachee High School, about 45 miles northeast of Atlanta, with an AR-15-style rifle and fatally shot two 14-year-old students and two teachers. Nine others were injured.

Now 16, Gray pleaded guilty on Friday to 55 charges related to the massacre — a list that included multiple counts of felony murder, aggravated assault and cruelty to children in the first degree.

During a sentencing hearing that began that day and concluded Tuesday, numerous family members of the victims implored the judge to ensure that Gray would never again see the outside of a prison.

The shooting claimed the lives of Mason Schermerhorn and Christian Angulo, both 14-year-old freshmen, math teacher Cristina Irimie, 53, and teacher and football coach Richard Aspinwall, 39.

"I have lived 688 days so far of a sentence with no parole," Breanna Schermerhorn told the court about the grief of losing her son, Mason. "And that is what [Gray] should receive, as well."

Aspinwall's widow, Shayna, told the judge that her husband's death had forever transformed the lives of her two young daughters, inflicting "a life sentence of grief and trauma" on their family. To offer Gray an opportunity for parole, she said, would impose "continued torture" for decades to come.

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Colt Gray, now 16, killed two students and two teachers and injured nine others in the 2024 shooting at Apalachee High near Atlanta.

Testimony presented during Gray's sentencing hearing this week painted a picture of a teenager with a turbulent, troubled upbringing who had become fascinated with previous school shootings and the young men who perpetrated them.

Prosecutors played clips of recorded conversations between Gray and his mother after the shooting, in which he asked her to relay what people were saying about him online, and wanted to know how much attention posts about him were getting.

Investigators testified about how Gray came to idolize other mass shooters, including those who carried out massacres in 2018 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and in 2012 at a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado. They said that before the shooting, Gray was communicating online with other young people fascinated by such attacks.

Gray's attorney called a state employee who testified to the long-running abuse and neglect that the boy had suffered at the hands of his parents, who faced a litany of substance abuse and financial problems.

Gray's father, Colin, was convicted in March after a jury took little time finding him guilty of dozens of charges, including two counts of second-degree murder and two counts of involuntary manslaughter. Prosecutors had argued that the elder Gray should be held responsible for failing to secure a gun he had purchased and ignoring clear red flags about his son's deteriorating mental health.

One of the last people to testify on Tuesday was Colt Gray's grandmother, Deborah Polhamus.

She detailed the family's dysfunctional and volatile home life, including how Gray's parents struggled with alcohol and drugs and sometimes failed to provide adequate food or medical care to Gray and his sister. She described repeated moves and numerous unsecured firearms in the home. She spoke about how Gray spent long stretches not attending school and how he became more isolated during the covid-19 pandemic.

"The Colt that I knew, and the Colt that I know now, is not the Colt that did all of this," Polhamus said. "His mind was so distorted. … He had convinced himself that this was the way for him to go because then he could be somebody. All he ever wanted was to have a friend. All he ever wanted was to be included and loved."

She added that Gray had been "so much better" since receiving therapy and medication while in custody, as well as the structure of regular sleep and food.

"He's more like the Colt I saw growing up," she said, adding that he had expressed remorse for his actions and was working on getting a GED. She told the judge she hoped he would have a chance to do something productive with his life.

In closing remarks on Tuesday, Barrow County District Attorney Brad Smith said that while Gray had experienced an awful childhood, thousands of other children in Georgia endure similar hardships each year without becoming mass shooters.

Smith also acknowledged expert testimony about how the brains of teenagers have not yet fully formed. But, he added, "we've seen no evidence he has any ability to develop a conscience or fully value human life."

For that reason, Smith told the judge, "Colt Gray cannot be in society, and I ask you to sentence him to life without the possibility of parole."

Gray's defense attorney, Charlton Allen, closed the multiple-day hearing by making a final plea to Primm to give the teenager a glimmer of possibility that he might one day return to society.

Gray's life, he said, was shaped by his parents' "abject failures." They offered him no stability, no regular medical or psychological care, no moral grounding, Allen said.

"The law tells us we have to consider these factors," he said.

He acknowledged that the shooting victims and their families had suffered so much. But, he said, Gray had changed for the better while in custody. Forgoing any chance of parole would only add another tragedy, he argued.

"With parole, he will be given hope," he said. "Hope is an important factor in somebody becoming a different person."

Ultimately, Prime did not offer that hope.

The judge acknowledged that Gray had been failed by his family and, to some extent, by a society in which social media and online communication trump real-world relationships.

"But that failure does not absolve you from who you chose to idolize, worship and become," he told Gray, who did not address the court Tuesday.

He accused the teen of carrying out the shooting "for the infamy of it" and said he had shown little guilt or remorse.

Primm concluded by saying the pain Gray had inflicted on an entire community would last for years to come.

"There is no joy here today, there is only a measure of closure," he said. "The slain will not return to life, the injured will not forget their wounds, and a 16-year-old boy will live and die in prison."

West Point professors free to comment publicly, for now, in wake of ruling

School declined to appeal after it was barred from muzzling teachers

BY HANNAH NATANSON

A West Point professor and his colleagues will remain ungagged for now, after the military academy declined to appeal a judge's ruling that barred the school from restricting professors' public comments.

The West Point policy, adopted early last year, says no professor can give a speech, publish a paper or speak on a podcast without seeking approval from their department head. School leadership announced it a month after President Donald Trump issued an executive order forbidding military service academies from "promoting, advancing or otherwise inculcating" ideas deemed "un-American" or "divisive."

In late 2025, West Point's longest-serving law professor, Tim Bakken, sued the academy in federal court over the policy. He contends the policy violates the First Amendment by suppressing professors' speech in an effort to "censor viewpoints that might be contrary" to those of West Point, the Army, the Defense Department, Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. Bakken sued on behalf of all civilian professors, who make up about a third of West Point's faculty.

West Point sought to dismiss the suit. Last month, federal judge Cathy Seibel, a President George W. Bush nominee, issued an interim ruling saying West Point cannot enforce the policy for civilian professors while Bakken's case proceeds. Seibel also barred West Point from preventing Bakken from sharing his personal opinions with students.

The academy had until Monday to appeal her ruling, but it did not do so.

West Point did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday morning. Bakken and his attorneys declined to comment, citing the ongoing litigation.

Bakken, hired in 2000, was one of the earliest civilian professors employed at the academy, after Congress passed legislation in 1992 encouraging civilian hires as a way to boost intellectual rigor and ideological diversity at military academies. Like other civilians, Bakken came to feel he was often disregarded and treated like a second-class employee compared to military colleagues.

Still, until the second Trump administration and West Point's new rules on faculty speech, the academy tolerated Bakken's outspoken criticism of the school and the military writ large, he told The Post. He published a 2020 book, "The Cost of Loyalty," that blasted both West Point and the armed forces for insularity, unquestioning obedience and an unearned sense of superiority.

Bakken did not have to seek approval before publication. He has another book coming in August, also critical of West Point and the military. He refused to ask approval for it, he said, which is one of the reasons he decided to sue.

Bakken is not the only one turning to litigation. The Trump administration faces a surge of lawsuits from private citizens alleging the president's programs and policies have infringed on their essential rights outlined in the nation's founding documents, according to a Post analysis of hundreds of thousands of court records.

A status conference in Bakken's case is scheduled for early August.

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Tim Bakken was hired by West Point in 2000, making him one of the earliest civilian professors employed at the academy.

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Denverites were asked to cut water usage levels by 20 percent

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Randall Kemp mows his lawn on Friday in Denver. More than 4,000 people have reported their neighbors for cheating on the restrictions this summer.

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the Colorado River, which supplies water to states throughout the Southwest, is at an all-time low at some measuring locations, he said.

The precipitation numbers "continued to go further and further into a deficit," Schumacher said.

Todd Hartman, a spokesman for Denver Water, said the utility is "quite a way off from our goal" of a 20 percent reduction in water use. By this point in the season, he said, they had hoped for customers to have used 12,400 acre-feet less of water than normal. Instead, they've used 2,900 acre-feet less, which he described as only a "slight improvement."

The utility has contacted 3,400 customers to "educate" them on watering restrictions after the more than 4,000 complaints on the new tip line. The first offense results in a warning, the second a $250 fine and the third a $500 fine, with fines escalating to $1,000 for repeated violations.

So far, they've issued three formal citations that could result in fines.

Hartman said while they've seen "strong conservation efforts" from schools, parks and multifamily housing units, single-family homeowners remain the worst offenders. The utility hopes to avoid cutting watering restrictions further to just one day a week, which would have a "devastating impact" on landscapes.

On social media, residents have complained about golf courses that still seem to have pristine greens, and have blamed rapid residential growth and new data centers for straining the water supply. Homeowners associations around the area have added to the confusion by dinging residents for having unsightly lawns, even as the drought has worsened, Schumacher said.

In Superior, a town about 20 miles from Denver that does not have water restrictions, James Shima, 57, an electrical engineer, said he received a warning email and then a certified letter from his homeowners association in June when he held off on watering due to the statewide drought declaration.

He was given 30 days to address the problem or face escalation of the violation process, he said.

"I am now forced to water my lawn two times a day, seven days a week, for two hours during the peak of summer," he said. His most recent water bill was $300, Shima said.

The lawn at Ben Bezoff Park in Denver is a mix of green and brown. More than 90 percent of the state remains in a drought condition.

Rachel Stanton, the president of the Rock Creek homeowners association, responded in an email that the HOA had "moderated expectations for lawn maintenance in light of conservation concerns" beginning in May.

"No one is expected to have a lush green lawn right now, but they are expected to do enough maintenance to keep their lawns alive," Stanton said. She dismissed Shima's concerns as "a nonstory in which the 'HOA as villain' trope does not apply."

When Hunniford and his family moved into the neighborhood 12 years ago, it was easy to keep the grass surrounding his two-story mid-century home looking good. Now, it's almost impossible.

"Over time we've got sick of the stupidity on putting water on this green stuff we don't really use, and we've let ours die," he said.

The grass has withered away to bare dirt in some spots. He considered spray painting the remaining brown spears green with turf paint, but his wife said no.

From his house, Hunniford can look down his street and see some lawns that are dead, some lawns that are green, some that have been replanted with drought-sensitive plants and his neighbor Pam's new bright green synthetic turf across the street.

The brown lawn folks believe the green lawn folks are cheating.

"There are the known offenders," Hunniford said. "One of them was watering this morning, and it's an off day."

The brown lawn vs. green lawn debate is one more example of how divided American society has become, he said, and the drought has only added to his malaise and sense of the country in decline. He and his wife, a personal coach, are considering retiring in Mexico.

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> **Rachel Stanton,** the president of the Rock Creek homeowners association

Across the street, Pamela Keith, 61, a retired Department of Veterans Affairs counselor, has ripped up her sod and installed $13,000 in synthetic turf, a project that she embraced as a way to preserve the legacy of her mother, Eleanor, who died in 2006 and was an avid gardener.

Her roses and tulips are long gone, and Keith didn't even plant any annuals this year as the drought worsened. But she's managed to save the vegetable garden, including tomatoes, peppers, watermelon and her mother's collard greens that still come back every year.

"We've got to keep up with the neighborhood name: Park Forest," she said, adding that she does worry about her neighbors' automatic sprinklers frequently running.

On the days they are allowed to water, she and her husband, Sean, try to beat the other outside "because it's so enjoyable."

But Keith is harboring a secret. For weeks now, she's been watering her back lawn over the restriction limit, hoping to keep a little grass alive until Saturday, when she threw a celebration in honor of her husband, who recently returned after two years on the road as a travel nurse. There was R&B music, and barbecue, and a big-screen TV playing summer movies. She called it "An Evening Under the Stars."

She'll cut back, she said, now that the party's over.

Aaron Schaffer in Washington contributed to this report.

A home utilizes low-water landscaping in Denver.

JULIA DEMAREE NIKHINSON/AP

"It's time to ensure that the United States has the greatest airports anywhere in the world, and we're starting right here with the capital city," President Donald Trump said Wednesday in the Oval Office.

Trump unveils Dulles makeover after months of pitches from design firms

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At the briefing, Trump said the project would add more than 5 million square feet of new or renovated space, including by completely replacing Concourses C and D, "all while preserving the iconic original terminal."

The president said they would also construct a parking garage across from the airport that would be able to fit around 32,000 cars. "We're going to have a magnificent garage," he said.

The Trump-approved design also calls for large glass windows and gold accents throughout the airport, such as high, gold-mirrored ceilings.

The project is estimated to cost more than $20 billion and take years to complete. Dulles is about 25 miles from downtown Washington and is run by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), which would largely finance the renovations by issuing new bonds, MWAA said.

United CEO Scott Kirby, MWAA CEO Jack Potter and MWAA board member Trent Morse joined Trump for the announcement.

Potter said the project would not require federal money because MWAA, United and other airlines had agreed to help fund the project. "We're off to a fast start here," he said.

Potter added that he aimed for the construction to have minimal impact on travelers as they transit the airport.

CBS News first reported Trump's planned announcement.

On Wednesday morning at Dulles, passengers and employees were excited about the possibility of replacing the people movers.

TRACY A. WOODWARD/THE WASHINGTON POST

The mobile lounges, or "people movers," have long been a fixture at Dulles International Airport.

"I hate them. I want them to go away," said Virginia resident Richard Wayne Hayes Jr., who was en route to Germany. A few months ago, Hayes said, he was stuck in a people mover for about 45 minutes on the tarmac. "Everybody was just about to lose their minds," he said.

A Delta ground crew employee said they were also thrilled about the prospect of no longer needing to deal with the people movers on the tarmac.

"There's so many out there. You're always waiting for them, dodging them. They drive too fast. You don't know when they're going to turn. They don't use turn signals," said the employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press.

Administration officials have previously cast Trump's proposed overhaul of Dulles as part of his broader plan to remake the Washington region, which includes beautifying public spaces and major thoroughfares. While some of the president's moves have been controversial, such as his desire to build a new White House ballroom and a 250-foot triumphal arch, his early efforts regarding Dulles have won some praise from regular critics.

Trump in December said his administration would rebuild Dulles, praising original architect Eero Saarinen's vision for the airport's flagship terminal, while saying he wanted to make it easier to navigate.

"It should be a great airport, and it's not a good airport at all. It's a terrible airport," Trump added. "We're going to make that into something really spectacular. We have an amazing plan for it."

Washingtonians make a habit of lamenting Dulles over its distance from the city and the airport's reliance on the mobile lounges that carry passengers to different areas of the airport.

In November, a people mover crashed into a concourse dock, sending at least 18 people to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, MWAA said at the time. Morse, a former White House official who Trump appointed to MWAA's board, told The Washington Post last year that the incident was another reason to get rid of shuttles he deemed slow, outdated and dangerous.

Mobile lounges are a distinct feature to Dulles. Designed by Saarinen in 1958, the modernist structure was built without any concourses or gates. The people movers were created as a solution for moving passengers between the airport terminals and planes.

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CONGRESS

Senators urge Trump: No Maxwell pardon

The Senate formally urged President Donald Trump on Wednesday not to pardon Ghislaine Maxwell, accomplice to the late financier and sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

In a resolution, passed by unanimous consent, the Senate expressed that Maxwell, in the interest of justice and accountability, should serve out her 20-year sentence for sex trafficking minors.

"It's frankly horrifying that Trump would entertain the idea of clemency for even a second," said Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-Nevada), who introduced the resolution. "There should never be a pardon for someone who helped a monster — a monster — abuse underage girls for years."

Trump previously said he had not thought about pardoning Maxwell or commuting her sentence, but he did not rule out the possibility.

The resolution comes amid a contentious Senate debate over whether to confirm Trump's latest nominee for attorney general, Todd Blanche.

Congress voted last fall to force the Justice Department to publicly disclose investigative files related to Epstein's 2019 arrest, and Blanche, who was then the deputy attorney general, oversaw the botched release of the documents.

Months later, Epstein remains a potent topic on Capitol Hill — especially for Democrats, who have continued to use the investigative files as a political cudgel against the Trump administration.

Rosen on Wednesday also criticized Blanche for meeting with Maxwell last summer for a two-day interview — during which Maxwell said that she never saw Trump engaging in inappropriate conduct with Epstein.

The two were once friends but had a falling-out in the mid-2000s.

Following the interview, the federal government moved Maxwell to a minimum-security prison, and speculation ramped up that she could eventually be granted clemency, fanned by her own lawyer.

— Alexei Koseff

IMMIGRATION

DHS, courts differ on Haitians' TPS status

The Department of Homeland Security and federal courts appear to be at odds over whether temporary protected status has ended for some 350,000 Haitians, exposing them to deportation proceedings.

DHS has indicated online that the humanitarian program for Haitians was "terminated, effective July 27, 2026," this Monday. But lawyers say that TPS cannot officially end until lower courts execute a Supreme Court ruling and officially allow the Trump administration to terminate the program, which was first established in response to the catastrophic 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

"There is still a nationwide injunction in place. Last time I checked the rule of law is still in place," said Amy Peck, a leader of the immigration group at the firm Jackson Lewis. "The lower court still needs to issue an order that implements the Supreme Court decision, so DHS doesn't get to unilaterally decide what the end date is."

In response to questions about whether TPS had ended for Haiti, a DHS spokesperson said "these activist lower court judges are openly defying the Supreme Court on this, but the end result will be the same. Haitians with TPS cannot and will not be able to stay."

The cloudy status — compounded by recent eleventh-hour extensions of work permissions for Haitians by DHS — is creating confusion for Haitian immigrants, lawyers, advocates and the companies that employ them.

Some employers have terminated workers and subsequently rehired them. Others have preemptively removed workers from schedules without pay or have fired workers in fear of becoming targets of immigration enforcement. Many Haitians who have been in the country for more than a decade are bracing for a rush of arrests and deportations.

"This is really terrible," said Erik Crew, an attorney at Haitian Bridge Alliance in Brooklyn. DHS "is now actively publishing false information."

— Lauren Kaori Gurley

THE WORLD

In Venezuela, a race to prevent post-earthquake crises

BY STEVEN GRATTAN
Associated Press

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA — More than a month has passed since Venezuela's devastating earthquakes, and the constant sound of heavy machinery still echoes through the hardest-hit neighborhoods of La Guaira on the northern coast.

Dust from collapsed buildings hangs in the humid air. Garbage has piled up. Families camp outside homes deemed too dangerous to enter. Water trucks weave through damaged streets.

"The smell of corpses is very strong" in some neighborhoods, said Carolina de Jesús, Venezuela project director for the humanitarian organization Project Hope, who has spent nearly every day in the region since the quakes.

Public health and environmental experts told the Associated Press that the coming weeks are critical to preventing secondary crises caused by contaminants from the rubble and rebuilding.

Government figures say the 7.2- and 7.5-magnitude quakes June 24 killed more than 5,000 people, injured nearly 17,000 and left almost 18,000 homeless. Authorities have not said how many remain missing, though estimates put the figure in the tens of thousands. The World Bank estimates that the quakes caused $19.6 billion in direct physical damage.

Survivors are experiencing the environmental costs in a region where Venezuela's health system was already weakened by years of economic crisis.

There is "hope, but also enormous pressure over what will happen tomorrow," de Jesús said.

Among those still searching for loved ones is Mary Cruz Andueza. The tower where her mother lived, part of a government housing program launched under late President Hugo Chávez, collapsed.

"I don't know if she's alive, if she's dead, if she's in a hospital or still beneath the rubble," the 35-year-old Andueza said.

She said she became sick after spending days near the rubble.

"The dust made me seriously ill," she said. "We've had coughs, allergies, fever and headaches because we're working so close to the collapsed buildings every day."

Managing an estimated 1.2 million tons of debris caused by the quakes is a major environmental challenge. Much of the rubble could be contaminated with fuels, motor oil, paints, solvents, plastics and other hazardous materials released when buildings fell.

That has raised concerns that pollutants could spread if the debris is not properly sorted and disposed of. In La Guaira, steep mountains rise behind densely populated communities, leaving little space.

Authorities are separating contaminated debris from reusable material. Concrete and other recyclable waste will be used in reconstruction, while contaminated material — such as asbestos, chemicals, fuel residues and other hazardous waste — will need to be disposed at specialized facilities, according to Joaquín Benítez, director of Environmental Sustainability at Andrés Bello Catholic University in Caracas.

Benítez said he had seen reports that some debris may have been dumped along the coast or into the sea during the initial emergency response as authorities raced to clear blocked roads. Local journalists said the practice was halted after the first few days.

If debris containing fuels or other hazardous materials reaches coastal waters, contaminants could affect water quality and marine ecosystems. Large volumes of sediment and construction waste could reshape shorelines and damage coastal habitats.

Diego Díaz Martín, president of environmental organization Vitalis, said seasonal rains could trigger landslides on earthquake-weakened hillsides. He also warned that damage to sensitive ecosystems may remain undetected because many affected areas have yet to be assessed.

Martín said the recovery effort should include work to reduce future environmental risks, and called on authorities to rebuild outside landslide-prone areas.

The Venezuelan government did not immediately respond to questions about its response to the environmental and public health impacts of the earthquake.

Access to safe drinking water has become one of the biggest challenges. Even where tanker trucks are supplying communities, de Jesús said, that does not necessarily mean the water has been properly treated.

Unsafe water and inadequate sanitation are contributing to diarrheal diseases, urinary tract infections, skin infections and conditions that allow mosquito-borne diseases to spread, she said.

"Earthquakes do not cause outbreaks by themselves. The risk comes from the post-disaster conditions," said Mauricio Cerpa, an epidemiologist with the Pan American Health Organization's Emergency Operations Center.

Overcrowded shelters, disrupted water and sanitation systems, interrupted health care and reduced vaccination coverage create the conditions in which disease can spread, he said.

Cerpa said authorities have identified 18 priority diseases and public health issues requiring immediate notification, including diarrheal diseases, respiratory infections, dengue, malaria and measles. Venezuela's vaccination coverage had already fallen below recommended levels before the earthquakes, increasing concerns about crowded conditions.

Health officials said disease surveillance in temporary shelters has become an immediate priority. PAHO said health teams are supporting vaccination campaigns and improving water and sanitation conditions.

Cerpa said thousands of people with chronic illnesses such as diabetes and hypertension could face increasing risks if health services remain disrupted.

Thousands of volunteers and humanitarian workers have joined relief efforts amid criticism of the speed and coordination of the official response.

De Jesús said some have developed respiratory illnesses after weeks of breathing silica and cement dust released as collapsed buildings are cleared. Others have suffered dehydration and diarrheal illnesses during long days in the heat.

"One of the main challenges is how to recover all the essential care," Cerpa said, noting that hospitals must resume treatment for people with chronic illnesses while meeting growing demand for disease surveillance, mental health services and maternal care.

Alycia Clark, Direct Relief's vice president and chief pharmacy officer, said the earthquakes compounded long-standing shortages of medicines, health care workers and medical infrastructure, leaving many patients at risk of missing routine care.

Public health and environmental experts said the next phase of recovery will focus on restoring safe water and sanitation, rebuilding essential health services and managing environmental hazards before they create new emergencies.

Clark said the immediate trauma response would give way to a much longer public health challenge.

"The needs are only going to increase from this point forward," she said.

ARIANA CUBILLOS/AP

People search the rubble of a building in La Guaira, Venezuela, that collapsed during earthquakes in June. More than 5,000 people died, according to government figures.

MATIAS DELACROIX/AP

People line up for food in La Guaira on June 28. Access to safe drinking water has become one of the biggest challenges, and water that is available has often not been properly treated.

FERNANDO VERGARA/AP PHOTO/FERNANDO VERGARA

Health workers ride in a truck to join earthquake relief efforts in La Guaira last month. Health officials say disease surveillance in temporary shelters has become an immediate priority.

DIGEST

JAPAN

Search for survivors of earthquake goes on

Soldiers and emergency workers combed through a badly damaged shopping mall and collapsed houses looking for trapped survivors Wednesday after a powerful earthquake that killed at least 18 people in southwestern Japan.

The magnitude 7.1 earthquake that hit a day earlier in the Kumamoto area on the southern main island of Kyushu also left at least 62 people injured, six of them seriously, the prefectural government said. The tally has been steadily growing, fanning fears it may continue to rise.

Some of the most serious damage was at the Aeon Mall shopping center in the town of Kashima, which was bustling with thousands of people when the quake happened. The company said some 3,000 customers were evacuated to a parking lot before a gas explosion happened in another part of the mall, where some people were still working.

The sweltering weather heightened worries about the survivors as rescuers braved the heat. It remained unclear how many people might still be missing.

The mall's second floor collapsed, trapping people. Witnesses said the explosion shook the area as much as the quake.

Three people remained missing, while four deaths were confirmed at the mall site, according to Aeon President Akio Yoshida.

— Associated Press

MYANMAR

Activists sentenced to up to 37 years

Courts in Myanmar have sentenced nine activists to up to 37 years in prison for involvement in a protest calling for a boycott of the elections last December, an activist group said Wednesday.

May Hnin, a spokesperson for the Anti-Junta Forces Coordination Committee-Mandalay, said eight members including prominent activist Htet Myat Aung were sentenced to 37 years Tuesday by two courts in Mandalay, the country's second-largest city, after being convicted under the electoral law and counterterrorism Law.

A ninth activist was sentenced to 27 years after being convicted under the counterterrorism law, she said.

Htet Myat Aung and the others were arrested days after staging a flash protest in downtown Mandalay on Dec. 3 calling on the public to reject the elections, abolish the military conscription law and release political prisoners detained after the military seized power from the elected government of Aung San Suu Kyi in 2021.

The activists will not appeal the verdicts because they do not believe the sentences would be overturned, May Hnin said.

She said she believed the military had imprisoned the activists for peacefully protesting in an attempt to instill fear among the public and secure its hold on power.

— Associated Press

WILDFIRES

Threat of new surge in southwest France

An uncontained wildfire four times the size of Paris threatened to surge again in southwest France on Wednesday — as three firefighters died in Greece and crews across southern Europe confronted a punishing mix of heat, drought and strong winds.

The deaths on Crete brought a fatal new dimension to a wildfire emergency stretching from the Atlantic coast to the eastern Mediterranean. At the peak of the evacuations, a third of a million people were driven from homes and vacation sites in France and Spain.

In France's Gironde region, the country's biggest blaze had not spread during a calm night, authorities said. But as temperatures approached 104 degrees Wednesday afternoon and winds strengthened, the reprieve threatened to be short-lived.

The landscape was so combustible that investigators believe routine brush-clearing work near a high-voltage line may have sparked the inferno.

— Associated Press

Deaths of 15 elephants in Kenyan park spark outrage and an investigation

The unexplained tragedies have raised fears of poisoning

BY RAEL OMBUOR

NAIROBI — The death of 15 elephants in the span of a month in southern Kenya's Amboseli National Park under unexplained circumstances has sparked outrage in the country, where wildlife tourism is an economic pillar.

The Kenya Wildlife Service said it was investigating the matter, and that preliminary findings raised concerns of poisoning.

"Never in the history of the park has there been 15 elephants dead, and likely from the same family, within a period of a month," Kenya Wildlife Service spokesperson Duncan Juma said.

The elephants died between June 24 and July 24, and were discovered by rangers in different parts of the park, according to KWS.

"It was noticed while on patrol when one died and then when the family was followed closely, another elephant was found dead and then another, so we started vaccinating them and applying preventive measures," Juma said. "Most of the dead were females with children."

Ten of the dead elephants experienced partial paralysis and were unable to stand before death. Five carcasses were found partially decomposed, KWS said Wednesday.

"Some family members survived because there were interventions, and we doubt it was a contagious disease" that killed the others, said Juma, who did not say what steps the agency took to save some of the elephants.

The KWS statements said that preliminary findings by the University of Nairobi — KWS sent samples from the carcasses there, as well as to a government lab and additional independent facilities — detected "potential toxic substances." But the government chemist, according to preliminary findings, has not found evidence of toxins, and investigations are ongoing.

Juma said KWS would investigate the elephants' potential water sources and look for any other environmental factors.

Kimana Sanctuary and the Kuku ranch area in Amboseli, where the elephants were found dead, border farmlands, which sometimes prompt human-wildlife conflict. Commercial farmers in the area also use pesticides that can pollute water sources, Juma said.

MONICAH MWANGI/REUTERS

Elephants at the Amboseli National Park in Kenya in 2024. Elephants can live for up to 70 years, and Kenya boasts some of the oldest living elephants.

Ten of the dead elephants experienced partial paralysis and were unable to stand before death.

In photos of the surviving herd shared by KWS, a dead elephant lies next to six elephants looking at the body.

One photo shows a deceased lone female elephant, while another picture, tagged 07/07, shows the dissected stomach of a dead elephant filled with partly digested food.

A video shows a female elephant lying on its side, struggling to get up, and in another, an elephant lies on its side amid tomato crops as villagers look on and wildlife officials douse it with water.

Amboseli is one of Kenya's premier national parks, with an elephant population of a little under 2,000. Kenya is home to some 42,000 elephants.

Elephant populations around the globe have declined in recent decades due to poaching and habitat loss.

Kenya has pursued increasing conservation efforts, such as a poaching ban, ranger recruitment, remote-sensing technologies that monitor elephants in real time and GPS collaring, which has been attributed to a significant increase in the country's elephant population.

Elephants can live for up to 70 years, and Kenya boasts some of the oldest living elephants, known as super tuskers — because of their huge tusks that weigh up to 99 pounds.

Trump threatens to hit Iran 'hard' following missile attack on U.S. assets

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the two militaries hit "logistics and weapons sites across eastern Iraq" in response to more than 30 drone attacks directed by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in recent days. The Saudi Defense Ministry acknowledged its involvement in the operation but provided little detail.

The Saudis' role represents a "major step" in the conflict for Riyadh, one that may signal deeper involvement to come, said Mark Cancian, a senior adviser with the Center for Strategic and International Studies think tank.

"They've lost patience and taken a step that they've been reluctant to take in the past, directly attacking other Arab organizations," Cancian said. "It's also important because it might signal that the Saudis would be willing to allow the United States to use bases in Saudi Arabia, whether for attacks directly on Iran or for operations" in the Strait of Hormuz.

Saudi Arabia, in a statement by its Foreign Ministry, said it launched the strikes after Iranian-backed militias in Iraq targeted Saudi oil facilities. It said the kingdom was "not seeking escalation" but would not hesitate to respond.

In Iraq, the Popular Mobilization Forces, a grouping of mostly Iran-backed armed factions, said 20 of its members were killed.

To date, 18 American service members have been killed and more than 600 wounded in the conflict. Four U.S. troops died this month after the fighting with Iran resumed. Three suffered fatal wounds in a July 17 Iranian ballistic missile strike on a base in Jordan. Another was killed the following day during a controlled detonation of an Iranian drone at a base in Iraq.

Adm. Brad Cooper, head of U.S. Central Command, issued a new internal warning to U.S. troops recently about the need to maintain operational security, after numerous videos and photographs of battle damage suffered by the United States circulated online.

A spokesman for Cooper, Navy Capt. Tim Hawkins, declined to release the message, but acknowledged Cooper had issued a warning.

"Admiral Cooper's top priority is the well being and protection of over 50,000 American service members operating in the Middle East," Hawkins said. "His guidance to troops about operational security reinforces this priority."

Cooper's message was first reported on Wednesday by Reuters.

The price of Brent crude, the international benchmark, was up about 3.5 percent at $87 a barrel on Wednesday after the overnight attacks. Oil prices last week spiked over the threat of a Red Sea blockade, but had eased more recently.

Despite repeat rounds of negotiations, Washington and Tehran have failed to end a standoff over access to the Strait of Hormuz, the Persian Gulf waterway that's vital to the movement of Middle Eastern oil, and last week, the Iranian-backed Houthis in Yemen declared a blockade against Saudi Arabia's oil shipments in the Red Sea.

The announcement compounded economic worries caused by Iran's shuttering of the strait since the U.S. and Israel launched the war in late February.

In recent days, Saudi Arabia has attacked Houthi sites in Yemen, hoping to weaken the group's ability to exert pressure there, according to an analysis by the Institute for the Study of War.

The U.S. supported Saudi Arabia's years-long bombing campaign in Yemen that sought to dislodge the Houthis. The militant group remains one of Iran's most significant allied forces.

Anna Jacobs, a nonresident fellow with the Arab Gulf States Institute, another think tank, acknowledged the significance of Riyadh's involvement in Tuesday's targeting of Iranian proxies. The Saudis, she said, are "feeling more pressure now" to do more militarily "to restore deterrence." But that does not mean abandoning diplomacy, which "remains core to their strategy of managing Iran and regional security more broadly," Jacobs added.

"It's not either/or. ... But also I'm viewing the Saudi attacks on Yemen and Iraq as still relatively contained," she said, characterizing the development as "more in the realm of sending a message to Iran and its armed partners in the region."

Andrew Leber, a nonresident scholar at the Middle East program of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a Washington-based think tank, said that Saudi Arabia's decision to launch strikes on Iranian-backed militias in Iraq, rather than hitting Iran directly, shows that it is still avoiding a full launch into the war.

"They want to maintain some plausible deniability, and to show that they are still open to striking a deal," he said. "But they also don't want Iran to gain more leverage ... and to signal that their patience is not unlimited."

Trump had declared the Iran war over in May, following the announcement of a ceasefire. But U.S. military operations in the region did not end at that time, with two aircraft carriers patrolling nearby and continued air patrols, limited exchanges of fire and then a resumption of hostilities in July.

FARID ABDULWAHED/AP

Iraqis inspect damaged structures at the site of an airstrike on a Popular Mobilization Forces base in Mosul, Iraq, on Wednesday.

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Senator's persistence brought about Russia sanctions bill after his death

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purchasers of Russian oil and natural gas, among other penalties.

It would also extend sanctions on Iran after a late push from the Trump administration. The White House said it supported the levies against Tehran but otherwise declined to comment on Graham's efforts to move the legislation.

Supporters have framed the bill as a high point for U.S. support for Ukraine under the second Trump administration, which has vacillated in its support for Kyiv and Zelensky. Many lawmakers have argue the financial penalties could help force Russian President Vladimir Putin to negotiate a settlement to end his full-scale invasion, now in its fifth year.

Zelensky pressed for lawmakers to pass the legislation while meeting with the Senate on Tuesday night after attending Graham's funeral.

"It's not only about money," Zelensky told reporters Tuesday, before watching the bill advance inside the Senate chamber. He called the legislation a "big signal" of U.S. support for Ukraine and Europe.

The Biden administration imposed multiple rounds of sanctions on Russia, intended to cleave Moscow from the global financial system and cap its oil profits. Despite punishing the Russian economy, the penalties have not stopped the Kremlin from continuing its war effort.

A spokesperson for Graham said the senator wanted to work on a bill that would put much more intense pressure on Russia's economy.

"We need something with teeth, and we need something big," the spokesperson said, describing the senator's vision. "He called it 'the sanctions bill from hell.'"

During his campaign, Trump repeatedly promised to settle the conflict within a day and began cutting U.S. support for Ukraine immediately after returning to office. In a disastrous meeting at the Oval Office last February, Trump accused Zelensky of not showing sufficient gratitude for American assistance and expelled the Ukrainian delegation from the White House.

Lawmakers and aides said the meeting increased the significance of Graham and Blumenthal's sanctions bill, which became an emblem of Congress's bipartisan support for Ukraine. The legislation initially would have allowed the administration to spike 500 percent tariffs on purchasers of Russian uranium and energy. It quickly received the backing of 85 senators, an almost unheard-of total in a polarized Congress.

But the bill stalled without support from the White House and as Democrats wavered over granting Trump more authority to restrict trade, following the president's "Liberation Day" tariffs on countries around the world last spring.

By early this year, some lawmakers began to give up on the legislation and instead pursued other packages meant to halt Russia's shadow fleet of illicit tankers and send Ukraine more security assistance.

Multiple officials said one turning point came after a group of lawmakers led by Sen. Jeanne Shaheen (D-New Hampshire) visited Ukraine in February.

VALENTYN OGIRENKO/REUTERS

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) speaks to the media in Kyiv on July 10, the day before his death.

"We love all your bills," said one U.S. official involved in the negotiations, speaking on the condition of anonymity to describe the message from Ukrainian officials. "But we need something."

Lawmakers and staff members on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee grew more involved in the talks over the coming months, as Graham continued to lobby Trump.

"If we were going to get through both houses of Congress, we probably needed some support from the White House," Shaheen said in an interview. "He had the best relationship" with the president.

By the time of the NATO summit in Ankara, Turkey, multiple officials said, the U.S. Treasury Department was the last holdout on agreeing to the bill within the administration, concerned about the potential impact on the U.S. economy.

At a dinner hosted by U.S Ambassador to Turkey Tom Barrack — with a harpist playing in the background and at a residence overlooking the Ankara skyline — Shaheen approached Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent.

"I laid out the case for why I thought it was so critical that we do this," Shaheen said. "He was very responsive and said we will get you somebody to work with. We will get this done."

The Treasury Department dropped its opposition by the end of the week. Shortly after, the senators sponsoring the legislation released a statement announcing the Trump administration had agreed to support the bill.

A spokesperson for Bessent didn't respond to a request for comment.

Graham held a news conference in Kyiv, where he lauded the sanctions bill while standing in front of Russian military equipment seized during the conflict.

"I've never been more optimistic than I am today that we have the formula to end this war," Graham said.

While the latest version of the bill has more than 60 co-sponsors, all-but guaranteeing its path through the Senate, some Democrats still argue that the legislation hands too much power to the White House.

In a statement, Rep. Gregory Meeks (New York), the top Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called the bill a "Trojan horse for tariff authorities" that Trump had "repeatedly abused."

Some analysts have also been skeptical that the legislation can compel Russia to halt its invasion.

Richard Connolly, an expert on the Russian economy at the Royal United Services Institute, a think tank in London, said the main purchasers of Russian oil could refuse to comply with the law or increase purchases through the black market.

The war in Iran, which has raised global demand for oil, probably would also make the legislation harder to enforce, Connolly argued.

"The medium-term picture is there's still going to be an appetite for Russian crude," he said.

A congressional aide supportive of the legislation, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the criticisms of the bill, argued that the threat of U.S. sanctions could still discourage some countries from buying Russian oil — or at least allow them to negotiate a lower price.

Blumenthal, too, acknowledged that the bill wasn't perfect but noted that the tariff provisions had been substantially narrowed. He argued the legislation, which has posthumously been renamed after Graham, was a rare and significant foreign policy win in a divided Congress.

"It's not the end. It may not even be the beginning of the end," Blumenthal said. "But Putin no longer seems invulnerable."

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, center, at Graham's funeral behind President Donald Trump.

Zelensky touts anti-drone tech to Trump in renewed plea for missiles

Ukrainian president received a hero's welcome in Washington

BY ISAAC ARNSDORF, THEODORIC MEYER AND MICHAEL BIRNBAUM

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky promoted his country's anti-drone technology to President Donald Trump while renewing his appeal for American air-defense missiles, angling to find common cause between his resistance to Russia's invasion and Trump's standoff with Iran.

Zelensky said in a White House meeting Tuesday that Ukraine had extensive expertise in destroying Iranian and Russian drones, he later told reporters — a skill-set of intense interest to Washington as it contends with drone warfare in Iran. Zelensky also said he asked Trump for help by providing U.S.-made Patriot air defense missiles to intercept Russian attacks.

"Ukraine really can produce everything, we can destroy everything from Iranian Shaheds and Russian drones and etcetera," Zelensky told reporters at the Capitol before lawmakers voted on Russia sanctions. "[The] real problem is antiballistic systems and antiballistic missiles. And of course I shared what we need, our needs, shared it with the president today."

Zelensky's private and, by all accounts, productive meeting at the White House — followed by a hero's welcome on Capitol Hill — contrasted with earlier visits to Trump's Washington, which had been marked by involved tension and, for the Ukrainians, disappointment.

This time, Zelensky arrived in Washington with momentum. The Senate rallied to advance fresh sanctions against Russia as a tribute to Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) on the day of his funeral at Washington National Cathedral. And influential pro-Trump blogger Laura Loomer, who last week reversed years of criticism during a days-long trip to Kyiv, publicly embraced Ukraine ahead of Zelensky's visit.

As a next step, Trump's special envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner planned to make their first trip to the Ukrainian capital, according to a person familiar with the discussions who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the plans aren't public. The White House did not respond to requests for comment.

Ukrainian leaders have long sought a visit by Witkoff, who has made multiple trips to meet President Vladimir Putin in Russia. They have felt he would better understand the toll of the war the Kremlin has waged against Ukraine if he came and saw the damage himself, as well as the nation's efforts to rebuild and prevail.

White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt called Trump's meeting with Zelensky "positive and productive," and a senior Ukrainian official called it "very practical."

"We've hit a real tipping point between the apparently very healthy meeting Zelensky had with Trump today, the sentiment and goodwill that surrounds Senator Graham's death and the extremely successful operations of Ukraine," Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-Rhode Island) said Tuesday.

Zelensky's stock in the White House has also risen as Washington confronts an adversary with extensive experience in the same drone technology that Ukraine has had to fight for more than four-and-a-half years. Iran supplies Russia with Shahed drones, and many Russian-made drones are now built using the Iranian technology.

Iran has used the same drones against U.S. targets in the Middle East, and against oil tankers trying to traverse the Strait of Hormuz. And Washington has contended with the same struggle as Ukraine: It is challenging to respond to a $20,000 drone with a $5 million air defense missile whose stockpiles are rapidly dwindling.

Zelensky's "main message was, thank you for the help you're giving us, we need interceptors and other kinds of military aid, and we deeply need the sanctions bill," Blumenthal said after the meeting. "He described in great detail, the help that they are providing in drone technology, which has been instrumental in defending our bases in Iran."

In recent months, Kyiv also struck deals with several Persian Gulf states to share its anti-drone and antimissile technology and expertise, as nations realize that the lessons Ukraine has learned from defending against Russia can help them defend against Iran.

Underscoring how the two conflicts are intermingling, Ukraine last week struck an Iranian cargo ship in the Caspian Sea that it said was transporting military equipment between Russia and Iran. Iranian officials said it was a commercial ship. Ukraine didn't say which direction the ship was traveling.

The senators' applause for Zelensky, as they took up a bill Graham had championed to impose new sanctions on Russia and its allies to help Ukraine, was audible to reporters outside the historic Mansfield room. The upper chamber then voted 86-12 to advance the measure as Zelensky watched from the gallery, sitting between Sens. John Barrasso (R-Wyoming) and Roger Wicker (R-Mississippi).

"It's an overwhelming show of support from senators representing east and west and north and south across this great country, Democrat and Republican," Wicker said.

Trump campaigned promising to end the Ukraine war before even taking office, and as a resolution eluded him for years he has swung between frustration with Zelensky and Putin. Trump's relationship with Zelensky has been fraught ever since he pressured the newly elected Ukrainian president to investigate Joe Biden in 2019, leading to Trump's first impeachment.

He and Vice President JD Vance upbraided Zelensky for ingratitude in an February 2025 Oval Office meeting, scuttling a proposed minerals deal and briefly interrupted military and intelligence support. Last December, Zelensky received a warmer reception at Mar-a-Lago but left without the Patriot missiles he sought. Both leaders spoke positively of their interaction at the NATO summit in Turkey earlier this month.

Loomer, who has said she paid for her own travel to Ukraine, met with Zelensky, toured damage and experienced air raid sirens. On Tuesday she posted from the frontline city of Kharkiv, where she met with a Ukrainian commander 30 kilometers from the front.

"I feel like such an asshole for minimizing the struggle of Ukrainians for the last 5 years," she posted online last week. "We have been so propagandized by Russia and we don't even realize it."

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Fed holds interest rates steady amid stubborn inflation

Three officials sought an increase, signaling concerns about costs

BY ANDREW ACKERMAN AND RILEY BEGGIN

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Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh in June. It was the fifth straight meeting without a change in the price of money, and the second meeting of Warsh's new tenure as chair.

The Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged Wednesday, resisting for now pressure from inside its own ranks to raise rates to combat persistently high inflation.

It was the fifth straight meeting without a change in the price of money, and the second meeting of Kevin Warsh's new tenure as chair. It came amid growing divisions over how to respond to an inflation rate that has exceeded the central bank's 2 percent target for more than five years.

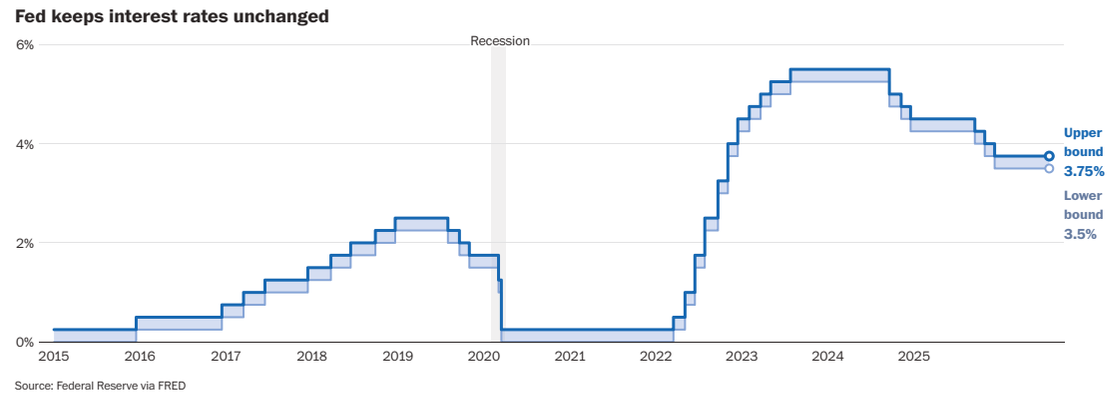
Three regional Fed presidents — Beth Hammack of Cleveland, Neel Kashkari of Minneapolis and Lorie Logan of Dallas — dissented, saying they preferred to raise rates. Twice now as chair, Warsh has promised to break the run of above-target inflation without moving rates to do it.

"We will deliver," Warsh told reporters Wednesday, pushing back on concerns that the Fed had gone soft. "The suggestion that we're going to be able to do it with our magic wands is one I want to disabuse you and everyone else of. But the discussion the last two days gave me more confidence even than I had eight and a half weeks ago" upon taking over as chair.

Stock markets nonetheless slid sharply on the news, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping more than 1,100 points. Yields on the 30-year Treasury bond jumped — the biggest increase in more than a year — a sign that investors are demanding more compensation to hold long-term debt while growing increasingly doubtful about the Fed's ability to bring down inflation.

"The growing challenge for Fed Chair Warsh is the credibility of his commitment to that inflation target," said Frances Donald, chief economist at RBC Capital Markets. "The more he talks about his commitment to it while doing nothing, the less credibility he has."

By keeping its key interest rate in the range of 3.5 to 3.75 percent, the Fed buys itself time. While inflation eased in June, a recent spike in oil prices, a new round of tariffs and surging demand tied to the buildout of artificial intelligence data centers all threaten to push it higher again. Wednesday's decision lets policymakers collect two more months of inflation data before they meet again in September, when the case for raising rates could be clearer.



On Wednesday, oil prices rose again after President Donald Trump told Fox News that the United States would hit Iran "hard" following a missile attack from Tehran on U.S. forces in Jordan.

And the squeeze on households is unlikely to ease soon. Even if the Fed raises rates at its next meeting, that move sets the cost of overnight borrowing between banks. Mortgages and other long-term loans are priced off the same Treasury yields that climbed Wednesday — set by markets according to their own expectations for growth and inflation, not by the Fed.

Trump, for his part, has argued insistently for lower rates; he repeatedly criticized Warsh's predecessor, Jerome H. Powell, for refusing to bring rates down. But Trump praised Warsh after the decision to hold rates steady Wednesday. Speaking in the Oval Office, the president said Warsh would "like to see lower interest rates, but he's got a board and it's a political board and they want to keep rates up."

Warsh, a Fed governor from 2006 to 2011, returned to the central bank in May, after a year in which Trump pressured the Fed in ways without modern precedent: He publicly demanded lower rates, tried to remove governor Lisa Cook and endorsed a Justice Department criminal investigation of Powell. Trump chose Warsh to replace Powell in January.

Though Warsh has promised to set rates without regard to political considerations, he has abandoned Powell's practice of giving markets a sense of what the central bank is likely to do next or how it might react to economic developments. On Wednesday, despite taking no action, he repeatedly stressed his concern about inflation and his commitment to returning it to 2 percent. The annual inflation rate fell to 3.5 percent in June, compared to 4.2 percent in May.

RBC's Donald said investors are still learning to read Warsh, who may be trying to provide clarity but is also "providing a new form of central bank hieroglyphics."

Warsh's reluctance to telegraph decisions has left the field to others within the Fed. In the run-up to this week's meeting, some policymakers argued openly that the Fed may need to raise rates. Hammack, the Cleveland Fed president, wrote in a LinkedIn post that inflation is unduly high and "isn't coming from only one source — it's broad based." Logan, of the Dallas Fed, went further, becoming the first voting member to publicly call for a modest increase in interest rates.

Citing conversations with business contacts, Hammack wrote: "For the first time in my tenure, I'm hearing from businesses who say they think we need to take action to curb inflation, and from consumers who can't make ends meet about a growing sense of despair."

Prediction markets now put the odds of a hike at the Fed's next meeting in September at roughly 50 percent. The Fed last raised interest rates in July 2023.

Outside the central bank, some economists are less convinced that a hike is near. Josh Hirt, a senior U.S. economist at Vanguard, said this week that he expects the Fed to stay on hold through the end of the year. Inflation remains uncomfortably above target, he said, but those price pressures are expected to fade and hiring already slowing.

"In the near term, we expect conditions to keep the Fed holding rather than hiking," Hirt said.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at KPMG, said the cooler June inflation reading bought Warsh time to bring the committee along to a hike in September. Swonk's worry is less any single month's reading than the risk that years of elevated inflation train businesses and workers to expect more — and to raise prices and wages accordingly.

"The clock is ticking, and it's starting to get to the point where you really have got to worry about this muscle memory that we're building for inflation," she said.

She expects the Fed to hike twice this year, she said, in September and December.

Sagging tech stocks, jump in oil prices contribute to Wall Street's down day

BY STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oil prices got back to jumping on Wednesday, while sinking technology stocks dragged Wall Street lower amid uncertainty about what the Federal Reserve will do to get high inflation under control.

The S&P 500 fell 1.5 percent after swinging sharply between gains and losses in the last hour of trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 1,153 points, or 2.2 percent, and the Nasdaq composite slumped 1.7 percent and fell 9.8 percent below its record set last month.

The action was more decisive in the oil market, where the price of Brent crude leaped 7.3 percent, settling at $88.09 per barrel after fighting resumed in the war with Iran and raised worries about the global flow of oil.

The yield on the two-year Treasury fell to 4.24 percent from 4.26 percent late Tuesday.

But the 10-year Treasury yield, which moves more with expectations for inflation and economic growth in upcoming years, went in the opposite direction. It jumped to 4.68 percent from 4.61 percent late Tuesday.

That's up from 3.97 percent before the war with Iran sent oil prices much higher, and the increase has already sent long-term U.S. mortgage rates to their highest level in nearly a year.

Higher rates particularly hurt stocks seen as the most expensive, and scrutiny has already been rising on makers of computer chips and other winners of the frenzy around artificial-intelligence technology.

The recent surges for sellers of computer processors and memory are backed by real revenue and profits, but the exceptional growth won't be sustainable if AI does not produce as much profit and productivity as hoped.

The skepticism has hit South Korea's stock market in particular because it's dominated by two tech giants, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix. Seoul's Kospi index tumbled 6 percent Wednesday, a day after it plunged 10.8 percent, and trimmed its gain for the year so far to 34.4 percent.

SK Hynix's stock in Seoul dropped 9.6 percent. It reported record amounts of revenue and profit for a quarter thanks to strong demand because of AI. But its 257 percent growth in revenue still wasn't enough to meet analysts' expectations.

On Wall Street, Nvidia was the heaviest weight on the S&P 500 after the chip company fell 3.6 percent.

KLA Corp., whose products and services help make semiconductors, lost 10.8 percent even though it reported stronger-than-forecast profit and revenue for the latest quarter. Expectations were high after its stock surged nearly 150 percent in this year's first six months.

On Tuesday, gains for stocks outside of AI helped offset weakness for tech companies. Analysts have been saying such a rotation in the market from AI to less-loved areas could be healthy, but the majority of U.S. stocks fell along with tech Wednesday.

Hims & Hers Health tumbled 14.7 percent, for example, after the Federal Trade Commission, Utah and California alleged that the company shared consumers' sensitive health information about medical conditions with third-party advertising platforms despite claiming its services maintain consumers' privacy. Hims & Hers said the lawsuit is contorting "the law to try to manufacture claims," which it called baseless.

DIGEST

REGULATION

Block on Minn. ban on prediction markets

A federal judge has temporarily blocked Minnesota's first-in-the-nation law banning prediction markets just days before it was to take effect, the latest clash between President Donald Trump's administration and states over who regulates operators such as Kalshi and Polymarket.

Monday's decision is the latest setback for states trying to outlaw or regulate fast-growing prediction market platforms.

U.S. District Judge Katherine Menendez in Minnesota found that the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Kalshi and Polymarket were likely to succeed in their challenge to the law and that letting it take effect would cause "irreparable harm" to the operators.

The law was scheduled to take effect Saturday. It would have made it a crime to create or operate prediction markets or help administer nearly any activity connected to one. The law will remain blocked while the lawsuit proceeds.

— *Associated Press*

TECHNOLOGY

Musk's X launches X Money service

Elon Musk's social media company X, formerly known as Twitter, launched its own bank-account-like product where users can send money to one another.

The service, known as X Money, is not a new bank. X Money is using technology and banking services provided by Cross River Bank, and branding that backbone as X Money. It is common for new financial companies to use a traditional bank's backbone to launch its services.

X Money is invitation only for now, and users will receive a "X"-branded Visa debit card that can be used at any ATM. Users of X will be able to send money to other X users in real time, the company said.

To attract customers, X Money is offering a 6 percent yield on deposits and 3 percent cash back on eligible purchases. To earn the 6 percent yield, a customer needs to deposit at least $1,000 into an account. Customers also must be signed up for X's premium services.

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ECONOMY

Consumer confidence falls as gas prices rise

Americans' confidence in the economy fell this month as gas prices resumed their climb after the U.S. and Iran stepped up their fighting.

The Conference Board said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index fell to 90.8 in July from 92.2 in June. That's essentially the same tepid range its been in since the beginning of the year. In late 2024 and early 2025 the readings were well above 100.

Consumer attitudes had improved modestly in June as gas prices came down to around $3.70 a gallon from more than $4.50 a gallon in late April and early May. But as fighting in the Middle East escalated, the average price for a gallon of gas in the U.S. started to rise again.

— *Associated Press*

FOOD SAFETY

Recall for bacon sent to 3 Northwest states

About 12,000 pounds of smoked bacon imported from Canada were recalled because of lack of proper reinspection before entering the country, the Agriculture Department's Food Safety and Inspection Service said.

The bacon from Maple Leaf Foods was shipped to grocery distributors and retailers in Idaho, Oregon and Washington state. FSIS inspects imported products for packaging, documentation, condition and contamination.

The recalled products are:

- A 12-ounce vacuum package of Royale Natural Applewood Smoked All Natural Uncured Bacon, Product of Canada, with Sept. 1 and Sept. 7 sell-by dates.
- A 12-ounce vacuum package of Top Valu Uncured Hardwood Smoked Bacon, Product of Canada, with sell-by dates from Sept. 1, Sept. 2, Sept. 4, Sept. 5 and Sept. 7.

The recalled products have EST.1 printed on the side of the package, and health certificate number 2026-S732971612 on master case boxes.

There are no confirmed cases of illness or injuries due to the products, FSIS said.

— *Stella Canino-Quiñones*

Temporary Medicare drug subsidy is set to end, and premiums likely to rise

Companies that sell Part D coverage weigh many factors on rates

BY CHRISTOPHER ROWLAND

Medicare drug coverage premiums are expected to rise in 2027 after the Trump administration said Tuesday it would end a temporary subsidy that reduced monthly premiums by an average of $16.

But it's not yet clear how much they'll increase, or whether they will increase for all Medicare beneficiaries.

The loss of the subsidy does not translate directly to how much premiums will rise, because companies that sell Medicare Part D drug coverage take into account many factors when setting rates.

The cost to the government of the subsidy was $3.6 billion in 2026, according to KFF, a nonpartisan health policy organization. About 25 million people enrolled in Part D plans in 2026, up from 23 million two years ago.

"It's certainly possible that without this enhanced financial support in place for 2027, some Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in [Part D plans] could face relatively steep premium increases for drug coverage next year," said Juliette Cubanski, director of KFF's program on Medicare policy.

Insurance companies received notice of the move late Tuesday and were examining the impact. Expected Medicare Part D rates for 2027 will be publicly announced in September.

"We are closely reviewing today's announcement. At a time of sharply rising prescription drug costs, health plans are focused on keeping Part D coverage and benefits as affordable as possible for seniors," said Chris Bond, spokesman for AHIP, the insurance industry's Washington trade group.

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A staff member sorts through drugs while filling a prescription in 2017 at the Clay-Battelle Community Health Center's pharmacy in Blacksville, West Virginia.

The average estimated monthly Part D premium in 2026 was $34.50, according to the National Council on Aging. Part D premiums were already four times higher than the $8 average premium under Medicare Advantage, the privatized version of Medicare. Cubanski said higher Part D premiums in Part D in 2027 could accelerate beneficiary enrollment in the privatized plans.

The Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, did not respond Tuesday night to a question about the amount of expected increases.

CMS said it ended the subsidy, which was intended to stabilize premiums after the agency made changes to the benefits, because "plan sponsors had sufficient experience" under the new program to support their cost assumptions.

UnitedHealthcare, which offers Part D plans, said loss of the subsidy was not unexpected. "We are committed to working with CMS, ensuring seniors have access to affordable prescription medicines," UnitedHealthcare spokesman Eric Hausman said.

OpenAI and Anthropic ask U.S. government to consider slowing down AI

Rivals endorse a petition to keep the tech from careening out of control

BY GERRIT DE VYNCK

SAN FRANCISCO — Two of the biggest players in the race to develop artificial intelligence endorsed a letter asking the U.S. government to find a way to slow down development of the technology should it become too rapid.

ChatGPT-maker OpenAI and its main rival, Anthropic, which provides the Claude chatbot, endorsed a petition released Tuesday that had been signed by hundreds of employees at the two companies, as well as Google, Meta and other leading companies working on AI.

The letter warned that companies could be close to automating the work of AI research, a development that it said could lead the technology to careen out of control.

"We request that the U.S. government support an international effort to develop the technical and governance tools needed to deliberately pace the frontier of automated AI development," the petition said. (The Washington Post has a content partnership with OpenAI.)

Coordinating international agreement to limit AI development would be a gargantuan diplomatic task that has been likened to implementing a nuclear weapons control treaty for software that can be freely distributed through the internet.

In the United States and around the world, development of AI is largely unconstrained by regulation. Companies and national governments are investing billions of dollars to build and deploy the best technology they can. That race has become a central part of the geopolitical competition between the U.S. and China.

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Demonstrators participate in a "Stop the AI Race" march this month in San Francisco.

Some Democratic lawmakers welcomed the letter. "Even the companies building the world's most advanced AI models now agree government has a role to play," New York Gov. Kathy Hochul (D) wrote in a post on X. "It's time for the federal government to step up and establish the guardrails this technology demands." Hochul signed a state law last year that requires large AI companies to release information about safety protocols and security incidents.

Despite the corporate endorsements and broad range of signatories to Tuesday's letter, many people in the AI industry and across Silicon Valley argue that the technology should be aggressively pursued to bring about new innovations, cure diseases and help the U.S. maintain its military edge in the coming decades.

The letter follows several other tech industry petitions since the 2022 launch of ChatGPT in which prominent AI researchers or executives called for a pause on AI development or warned that AI could wipe out humanity. The previous letters did not lead to major shifts in how companies or governments approached AI development.

The new petition is different because it has won corporate endorsements for a more specific government intervention on the industry, albeit at an unknown point in the future.

Its signatories also include senior executives from OpenAI, Meta and Google, companies that have generally been much more opposed to strict AI regulation than Anthropic.

"It's mostly notable given how many high-up names are on the list. It's increasingly the case that labs and their staff are explicitly talking about international governance," said Andrew Yoon, a member of the technical staff at CivAI, a nonprofit organization that analyzes AI capabilities and potential risks from the technology.

The idea of using AI to automate the work of developing and improving the technology has been a long-held goal of many researchers.

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman did not sign the petition himself but said on a podcast clip released Tuesday that it might be necessary to "pace the rate of AI development."

The idea of using AI to automate the work of developing and improving the technology has been a long-held goal of many AI researchers. OpenAI and Anthropic have both said this year they have made significant progress on that goal.

In a blog post last month, OpenAI said one of its three main goals as a company was to "build an automated AI researcher." It predicted that by early in 2028 "we may have a significant fraction of our research being done by AI systems in tandem with our own researchers."

New AI models released by Anthropic and OpenAI in the past few months that have the ability to hack into computer systems have pushed researchers to think self-improving AI systems may not be far away, Yoon said.

"AI developers increasingly suspect that automated AI research may be within reach," Yoon said. That has the "potential to dramatically increase the pace of progress, past the point where models can be safely controlled."

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THURSDAY OPINION

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Modi seemed invincible. India's Gen Z just made him blink.

For a decade, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political dominance has rested on two hard-as-cement assumptions. First, that he is close to invincible at the polls. And second, that India's youngest voters are politically indifferent. Over the past week, both assumptions cracked.

What began as outrage over dysfunction in India's college exam system built into something much larger — the first sustained, youth-led movement in years to force India's powerful central government actually to concede ground.

Here's how student groups such as the All India Students' Association, together with the "Cockroach" political movement — the name is derived from an insult aimed at India's youth — put the government on the defensive.

I visited the protests in New Delhi beginning on July 18 and then again in Mumbai, last Friday and Sunday. What I saw was young men and women, most in their early 20s, who had walked barefoot from villages and towns with little more than bananas or peanuts in their bags. Determined to make themselves heard, they slept along roads and packed into trains and buses.

Events escalated dramatically on July 20. Students marched toward Parliament on the first day of the "monsoon" session, and Delhi police responded brutally, employing pellet guns, tasers, tear gas and even batons laced with nails. Scores of protesters were hurt. One student remains in intensive care at a Delhi hospital. Opposition leader Rahul Gandhi, part of a group protesting the crackdown, was dragged into custody by police. In the northern state of Bihar, police unleashed water cannons, and later in the week one officer was even caught on video firing an AK-47 rifle — a weapon of war — toward the demonstrators. (No one was hit.)

Such scenes are stunning in Modi's India. For 12 years, this government has seemed to elevate itself beyond the reach of dissent. It has been assisted in this by a mainstream media that has increasingly become an arm of the government. But these Generation Z protesters found a bug in this self-reinforcing system: In viral posts on platforms such as Instagram and X, they communicated directly to the public as citizen journalists documenting the brutality used against them.

By that evening, much of the country, including some ardent Modi supporters, had taken to social media themselves to express their dismay at the scenes on their screens. Famous figures from movies and sports who rarely take a public position critical of the Modi government were standing in solidarity with the protesters.

There have been rare instances of Indian youth criticizing Modi by name before. But the critical mass that formed last week was something new.

The snowball kept rolling. The country's streets filled with people draping themselves in national flags and singing patriotic songs. They rallied around Hindi slogans aimed directly at the prime minister: One was "Jab-jab Modi darta hai, police ko aage karta hai" ("Each time Modi is scared, he takes refuge in the police"). Another cited the sudden resignation of Modi's education minister: "Dharmendra Pradhan toh jhanki hai; Modi-Amit Shah baaki hai" ("Dharmendra Pradhan is only the beginning; Modi and Amit Shah are next"). Shah, the home minister, is considered the second most powerful man in India. Memes characterizing Modi's actions as cowardice became material for T-shirts, placards and Instagram reels.

In an unprecedented move, Modi soon released two midnight messages on Instagram promising solutions to the problems facing Gen Z. But still the young protesters did not budge.

There have been rare instances of Indian youth criticizing Modi by name before. But the critical mass that formed last week was something new. No previous protests — not the citizenship protests of 2019 or the farmers protests of 2020-21 — managed to turn Modi himself into a subject of derision and satire the way these young protesters have.

But. With a leader as savvy and entrenched as Modi, there is always a but.

On Sunday, as victory rallies celebrating Pradhan's resignation took place across India, authorities began arresting students. Reports then emerged Monday that notices were sent to social media platforms seeking the removal of posts critical of the prime minister. The same day, the outgoing education minister was praised in Parliament. That suggests an inexorable return to the status quo could be beginning, but I don't think so. The events of the past week have altered something fundamental.

For years, Indian politics has been defined by the assumption that young voters would either support Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party or remain disengaged. Many commentators dismissed Gen Z as politically apathetic, as consumed by influencers and algorithms — as "cockroaches." These protests have shattered that stereotype forever.

So the arrests may succeed in intimidating protesters. Social media companies may comply with takedown requests. Modi still commands enormous institutional power, and his party remains electorally formidable. None of that has changed. But the projection of Modi's unflinching authority has been seen through. And governments rarely recover the aura of invincibility once it has been publicly punctured.

My family farm has prairie potholes. In swooped the feds.

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BY CODY PETERSON

My family has been farming in North Dakota for generations. Like most farmers, we have lived and worked through droughts, floods and price swings that would make a Wall Street trader's head spin.

Now the government is adding an obstacle that threatens my ability to work my land. In the 1960s, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service came to landowners across the Midwest, including the farmer who previously owned my land, with a deal. The government wanted an easement on part of the property to protect wetlands that provide habitats for ducks and other waterfowl. The agency did not offer much money. It paid about $630 for rights across roughly 328 acres of land I now own. The easement document explicitly states that farmers could continue "normal farming practices."

Farmers across the northern Great Plains signed these deals. In North Dakota, the government claimed easements on 1.5 million acres of privately owned land. It made sense at the time: Landowners got some money for land that they couldn't farm effectively, and the government got to protect wetlands for waterfowl. It was as simple as a handshake deal between neighbors — except one neighbor was the federal government.

When my family bought farmland in LaMoure County, the property had one of these easements on it. If the government had stuck to the agreement, the easement would not have been a big obstacle to our land management practices.

But in 2024, the Fish and Wildlife Service reinterpreted the scope of the wetland easements and updated the restrictions applied to prairie potholes. Prairie potholes are shallow depressions created by glacial runoff thousands of years ago. Water can accumulate in these holes, leaving some wet for large parts of the year. To the government, any activity that affected prairie potholes was a violation of the easement. Not just big, destructive drainage. Not just reckless projects that flood fields or destroy habitat. Any attempt to manage my land that affected the potholes was off-limits, with a violation potentially resulting in up to a year in jail and tens of thousands of dollars in fines.

Under this new standard, the agency expanded the regulated farmland to include 40 percent of my property, covering areas that were not a part of the original agreement. Officials told me I could not install improvements that would increase my crop yield within 190 feet of prairie potholes. Without the agency's interference, I would be able to install drain tiles, which lower the water table where I want to plant crops while directing the water into an existing wetland. I can't help a nearby town manage a lake that has a constant flooding problem because the solution would cause water to flow through my land and might affect the wetlands easement.

What bothers me most is the principle: The agency didn't come back to us with a renegotiated deal. It didn't discuss this with us like neighbors. Instead, it simply reinterpreted the original agreement in a way that would have made the farmers who granted the easement laugh — or cry.

I've watched the Fish and Wildlife Service bully people across the Great Plains for allegedly violating easements. Men and women who have farmed their whole lives are being pressured to abandon normal agricultural practices their families have employed for decades.

Here's what legal disputes between farming neighbors typically look like: When someone disagrees about shared property rights — whether it's a fence line, a shared well or drainage affecting both properties — courts typically apply a reasonableness standard, a precedent commonly seen in land disputes. Both neighbors can use their property productively, and if there's a conflict, a jury decides what's fair and what's not.

The federal government's stance lacks the common sense of that approach. It is claiming that an easement granted six decades ago — one with vague boundaries that the government itself admitted it had trouble defining — now restricts my ability to undertake any projects that might affect a prairie pothole.

I'm a conservationist. I hunt ducks. I believe in protecting the land. I'm not trying to drain every wetland on my property. I just want to farm productively and help my community. But the federal government seems to believe the only acceptable path forward is for me to let them manage my land.

When the previous owners signed the easement, they didn't intend to give away control of their land. When we bought it, we thought we were buying land with a limited-use restriction on the parts we couldn't farm productively.

I filed a lawsuit last year with the help of the Pacific Legal Foundation to challenge this interpretation. North Dakota courts recognize that property owners have the right to use their land reasonably, even when an easement exists. Federal courts should, too.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service performs important work. But being a good neighbor means respecting agreements and being clear about expectations — not unilaterally reinterpreting contracts granted long ago.

I want to make a living by farming my land responsibly. That shouldn't make me an outlaw.

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Andy Burnham's anti-Thatcher revolution

BY CHARLES MOORE

Britons last week endured the inauguration of Labour's Andy Burnham as their country's seventh prime minister in a decade. He is the first ever to assail without qualification the legacy of Margaret Thatcher, the Conservative prime minister from 1979 to 1990.

Burnham, 56, says she initiated "40 years of neoliberalism." He complained in his first speech on the job that, in the 1980s, "political power was centralized, economic power privatized." Much of the country "deindustrialized." He claims to offer something different — to make politics "more collaborative."

It might sound surprising that no prime minister has previously said this, because, in the nearly 36 years since Mrs. Thatcher left office, Britain has had 15 years of Labour government. Why were those left-of-center governments shy of attacking the darling of the right?

The main answer is that Tony Blair, who led Labour for 10 of those 15 years, believed his party must understand her economic and electoral success if it was to be a credible rival to the Tories. Only by admiring and digesting Mrs. Thatcher's achievement could Labour gain power. Blair may have been right — after all, he, like her, won three times in a row.

Burnham has reached 10 Downing Street not by a general election but by a bloodless coup against his hapless predecessor, Sir Keir Starmer. To succeed, therefore, he had to appeal only to the party's members who chose him, not to the British people who elected the Parliament from which the government was formed. Most Labour activists hate Mrs. Thatcher, so Burnham's rhetoric must have seemed to him an easy win.

The question the new prime minister has set himself, however, is how to revive an ailing economy with anti-Thatcher policies. By the middle of her 11½ years in office, Mrs. Thatcher's Britain was achieving annual growth rates of over 3 percent, reaching 5 percent in 1988. Despite the bust that followed that boom in the early 1990s, the economic success of successive governments that pursued broadly Thatcherite politics continued until the financial crisis of 2008-09.

She never used — indeed, perhaps had never heard — the term "neoliberalism." What she thought she was doing was removing the shackles of government from the British people. That benefit outlived her.

Since 2008-09, more indebted and interventionist governments have presided over weak, even miserable, levels of growth. Current projections for this year, under Labour, suggest a rate of 0.9 percent. In Mrs. Thatcher's last year in office, British government debt represented roughly 28 percent of gross domestic product. Today, that figure is 94.9 percent. The 1990 budget deficit was 1.1 percent of GDP. In 2026, it is expected to hit 4.3 percent.

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Margaret Thatcher speaks to the press in New York on Sept. 8, 1977.

Burnham also complains about privatization, a Thatcher invention. There were severe problems with some monopoly utilities, particularly water, thanks to that undertaking. But Mrs. Thatcher successfully privatized more than 40 companies, including telecoms, airways, ports and gas, earning huge sums for the Treasury, spreading popular share ownership and creating, in most cases, better competition. Her example was copied all over the world, and few privatizations have been reversed since. The ascendancy of Thatcherism, closely mirrored by that of her friend Ronald Reagan in his two-term presidency, seemed, even by many of her critics, to have been earned.

Above all, perhaps, Mrs. Thatcher tackled the overweening political power of organized labor in Britain, bringing democracy to union processes and removing their leaders' grip on economic policy. In 1979, Britain lost more than 29 million working days to strikes; by 1990, only 1.9 million were squandered. The chief reason she won office in the first place was that voters feared the Labour government of the day was crushing the British economy with high taxes — the top rate of income tax was 83 percent, brought down to 40 percent by 1988 — and its inability to quell workplace strife. Inflation was above 13 percent in 1979. Ten years later, it was roughly half that.

What will Andy Burnham propose instead? He has thus far tried simultaneously to reassure bond markets about his respect for fiscal rules and to attack the cost of living by government interventions. He temporarily removed the purchase tax on electricity consumption and imposed a ceiling on bus fares. Both should make the standard measure of price inflation turn out lower than expected without addressing the deficit or underlying inflationary pressures.

As the former mayor of Greater Manchester, Britain's second-biggest metropolitan area, Burnham has popularized the word "Manchesterism." This advocates a closer cooperation between government and private investment and attacks over-centralization as the curse of British governance. He promises to set up a version of 10 Downing Street in Manchester — though in a unitary state like Britain, it's hard to see how restless prime ministerial train travel, three hours each way, will bring economic salvation.

That requires a coherent account of how prosperity in modern society is best created. In rejecting the achievements of the '80s, Burnham seems to be harking back to the '70s. Only 9 years old when Mrs. Thatcher won her first general election, he is a child of her era. He may not remember that the '70s were, economically, the worst postwar decade of the last century for Britain.

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Warsh is serious about inflation

THOUGH HE'S STILL using words more than deeds, it's encouraging that Federal Reserve Chairman Kevin Warsh is going out of his way to convey that inflation remains unacceptably high.

Three of the 12 members of the Federal Open Market Committee voted Wednesday to increase interest rates by a quarter-point, the biggest show of dissent in the same direction since 2016. While Warsh was among the majority that held the benchmark rate steady at between 3.5 percent and 3.75 percent, he insisted he was "heartened" by the debate.

"I asked for a good family fight," Warsh told reporters, "and I got one."

Real debate is encouraging to see, especially because strong cases can be made for and against raising rates. To that end, Warsh called Wednesday's vote "the beginning of the story, not the end."

Inflation was 3.5 percent in June, down from 4.2 percent in May, but this remains unacceptably above the Fed's 2 percent target.

Asked whether June's figures swayed the committee to hold steady for a fifth straight meeting, Warsh said the Fed is "not relying on any one individual piece of data" and that he cares most about trends.

Inflation fuels a stubborn cycle. Price hikes beget more price hikes. Warsh has nodded to this in all his public comments.

Earlier this month, he testified to the House Financial Services Committee that "the 63 months of inflation above target has been an unfair burden and has been a tax on the American people and businesses."

At the same time, the Middle East remains unstable and the Strait of Hormuz is largely closed, putting upward pressure on oil prices. Iran fired a barrage of missiles at a U.S. base early Wednesday, prompting President Donald Trump to pledge retaliation. The average cost of a gallon of gas is still nearly a dollar higher than it was this time last year.

Consumer confidence slipped in July, according to the Conference Board, as workers view the labor market with skepticism.

The artificial intelligence build-out creates other unknowns. Huge capital expenditures are buoying the economy, but some fear a bubble. The Bank for International Settlements warned on Tuesday that AI's unpredictable impacts on growth and productivity make setting monetary policy particularly difficult over the medium term.

Trump, of course, wants Warsh to cut rates, but the president is giving him space for now, at least in public, to chart his own direction. Any show of independence, even rhetorical, reassures Americans that Warsh will prioritize what's best for the economy over the president's short-term political interests.

The sad takeaway from Fauci's refusal to testify

THE UNITY SO MANY Americans felt during the first days of covid-19 was a distant memory on Wednesday. As public health officials kept issuing mandates, the government's response to the pandemic quickly became polarizing. The latest drama on Capitol Hill encapsulates how that political conflict has left the country less prepared for a future pandemic.

Anthony S. Fauci refused to answer any questions about the origins of covid-19 while testifying before a Senate committee, invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination 111 times. President Joe Biden preemptively pardoned Fauci, and the retired civil servant followed the advice of his lawyers to say nothing lest he perjure himself.

But it's a real shame that the country cannot have an honest conversation, with the benefit of hindsight, about the many mistakes that were made six years ago. America has never fully grappled with the causes and consequences of covid.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Kentucky), who spearheaded the Senate's investigation into Fauci, had repeatedly said he wants to put the former health official behind bars. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. said during an interview this week that "if he lies again, he could be subject to perjury prosecution."

Fauci resisted issuing guidance to reopen schools for far too long, upending education for millions of kids. He was too slow to accept scientific evidence that the coronavirus spread via airborne droplets, blunting protective strategies.

Newly released diaries show Fauci was self-absorbed and often held different views in private than he expressed in public.

But while it's fair to criticize Fauci, it's quite another to try to concoct new ways to prosecute him. Paul is now threatening to hold Fauci in contempt for invoking his constitutional rights.

During opening remarks at Wednesday's hearing, Paul reiterated his accusations that Fauci covered up the origins of the coronavirus, which the senator believes probably leaked from a lab in Wuhan, China. The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which Fauci led for decades, provided funding to that lab through the EcoHealth Alliance.

Paul has long argued that researchers there altered coronaviruses to make them more transmissible to humans, known as gain-of-function research. Fauci denied these claims under oath in 2021, leading to accusations that he committed perjury.

In 2021, a bipartisan group of lawmakers sought to establish an independent commission to investigate the crisis. But that floundered amid political dysfunction.

Such a panel, which would have been modeled off the 9/11 Commission, could have pieced together a more definitive, nonpartisan record of facts regarding the virus's origins. More importantly, it could have evaluated where the government went wrong in responding to the pandemic.

The failure to conduct such oversight squandered a precious learning opportunity to strengthen U.S. defenses against the next deadly pathogen.

The Dulles revamp is long overdue. It could have happened decades ago.

THE OVERHAUL OF Dulles International Airport, unveiled on Wednesday, would probably have happened a long time ago if it was not owned by the federal government.

President Donald Trump engaged closely in the redesign for months, and what he came up with sounds good, especially getting rid of the dreaded people movers. The gold accents and gold-mirrored ceilings are superfluous, but whatever.

Dulles's potential has been unrealized for decades. It's far from the city center, especially compared with Reagan National Airport. But that also means it has room to build and grow. With direct highway and rail connections to D.C., it should be a much better airport than it is.

Architect Eero Saarinen's main terminal building, with its sloped roof evoking airplanes taking off, is a masterpiece and will be preserved. But Saarinen's ideas about how the airport would run — no concourses or jet bridges, with "mobile lounges" to ferry passengers to their aircraft — never made much sense.

Rather than adjust to reality, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority — which operates Dulles on behalf of the feds — has deployed half-measures for decades.

The C and D Concourses, meant to be temporary, have been in use for over 40 years. The AeroTrain between concourses didn't open until 2010 and connects only three of the four concourses with the main terminal building. The A Concourse for regional jets is cramped.

Trump's plan will eliminate the mobile lounges for good — hallelujah — and extend the AeroTrain to connect all concourses. Five terminals will be built to replace the existing four. The projected cost, more than $20 billion, will be financed partially by the airport authority and partially by its largest user, United Airlines.

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People movers, officially known as mobile lounges, at Dulles on Wednesday.

Without Trump's hands-on intervention, change would continue to happen on government time. The airport authority said last year, for example, that the people movers would remain essential for another 15 to 20 years. But this is obviously not the highest and best use of a president's time.

The real problem is that it makes no sense for the federal government to own Dulles. There are numerous major airport operating companies around the world that know how to improve it. This industry has developed since the trend of airport privatization began in the 1980s.

But the United States has bizarrely insisted on maintaining government ownership and operation of all its major airports. The largest semi-privatized one is in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Anyone who has traveled abroad knows that major foreign airports tend to be much nicer. International passenger satisfaction rankings bear that out. About half of the world's air passengers travel through airports that are at least partially privatized. In Europe, that figure jumps to four-fifths.

Could this particular administration be trusted to privatize such a significant asset as Dulles in an aboveboard way? Probably not. But that's all the more reason that some other administration should have privatized it a long time ago.

It would likely be a better airport already, and taxpayers wouldn't have to shoulder any of these costs. Plus, the action or inaction of politicians would have little effect on what international travelers experience when they first arrive in the nation's capital.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TOBY MELVILLE/REUTERS

British Prime Minister Andy Burnham in Bath, Britain, on July 22.

What's really driving global discontent?

Fareed Zakaria argued in his July 25 column, "A revolution is unfolding. Voters everywhere are furious.," that the unpopularity of "democratic governments almost everywhere" is explained by the "anxiety and fear" generated by "one of history's great technological revolutions."

But discontent and anger with government are not limited to democracies. Citizens in autocratic states, including China, Russia and Venezuela, are also dissatisfied with their governments. But they lack the means to demonstrate these grievances.

The fundamental issue is the failure of leaders virtually everywhere to govern. Britain has had seven prime ministers in just over 10 years. And Congress is about to be out of office, too. House members checked out of Washington last week until the end of August, and will return to work for only four weeks over the next three months. Over that same period, the Senate will be in session for only five weeks.

Until governments — from autocracies to democracies and republics — learn to govern, that will be the grounds for fury and dissent, not Amazon, Apple or Anthropic.

Harlan Ullman, *Washington*
The writer is a senior adviser at the Atlantic Council.

Fareed Zakaria is right that democracies look sluggish beside the frictionless world of technology. But the digital and artificial intelligence revolutions are not the primary culprits.

The deeper cause is geopolitical. Starting in the latter half of the 20th century, the United States underwrote an open global economy — free trade, open sea lanes, allied prosperity — as a part of its Cold War strategy to unite the free world against the Soviet Union. When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, that rationale lapsed. The order did not; it ran on inertia for a generation.

What Americans are watching now, accelerated and made explicit by President Donald Trump, is the delayed unwinding of that American-built order and a reversion toward the great-power, self-help world that prevailed before 1945.

That structural shift, not the speed of our phones, is why the discontent is universal and simultaneous. Very different societies are destabilizing at the same moment because the system they all lived inside is dissolving.

The task ahead is not for democracies to outsprint technology. It is to govern in a world where the scaffolding that the U.S. built and largely paid for — and is now dismantling — no longer holds them up.

Lee Smith, *Katy, Texas*

How to respond to shrinking enrollment

Regarding July 21 front-page article "Shrinking student pools put public schools at risk":

School closures harm families and communities. But they are far from inevitable. A recent study evaluated school closures in California and found that they often do not improve districts' finances. To avoid layoffs, administrators often reassign teachers to new schools, but this only shifts districts' largest expense rather than eliminating it. The study also found that districts tended to underestimate costs associated with a closure, such as transporting students to reassigned schools. Closing a neighborhood school may also drive enrollment loss and sometimes worsen the fiscal crisis the closure was supposed to address. On top of that, closures negatively affect students academically and in long-term future employment and earnings. Some districts even choose to close schools in areas where school-age populations are growing, often in favor of privatization efforts such as expansion of corporate charter schools and vouchers.

Not all communities are affected equally. The Advancement Project, my organization, recently filed a state civil rights complaint in Pittsburgh alleging the city's school closure plan discriminated against Black students.

Instead of continuing to close public schools, districts should listen to communities calling for real investments in education and actual solutions to the fiscal issues they face.

Jessica Alcantara, *Washington*
The writer is an attorney at Advancement Project.

The falling birth rate is a primary factor in the public school enrollment slump, but it is not the only one. I attended public school in Miami until ninth grade. Like many of my peers, I weathered mental health struggles made worse by the school's underfunded faculty and a poor counselor-to-student ratio. My parents were unrelentingly against private school at first, but after continuing to witness problems with my learning environment, they encouraged me to make the switch my freshman year of high school.

It's now been two years since then, and I have been fortunate enough to reap the benefits of private school, such as smaller class sizes and abundant administrative support. I am wholly unsurprised by American parents capitalizing on school choice. It's clear to me that to actually address public school vacancy, policymakers and school district leaders should reflect on and try to fix the issues students face.

Megan Markus, *Miami*

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Marijuana products displayed at Chelsea Cannabis Co. in New York in April.

This marijuana disaster could rival Big Tobacco

BY WILLIAM BARR AND KEVIN SABET

On July 15, the Drug Enforcement Administration wrapped up an 11-day hearing on whether marijuana should be rescheduled, or reclassified, as a less dangerous substance under federal law — a process that requires showing that the drug has an accepted medical use and a lower risk of abuse than drugs subject to greater controls.

The evidence presented at the hearing utterly failed to support rescheduling marijuana. Rather, it confirmed what decades of data have shown: Raw marijuana has no scientifically established medical value and carries a high risk of abuse. (William Barr's law firm represented Kevin Sabet's anti-marijuana organization in the hearing.)

The administrative law judge who presided will soon make a final recommendation — and the stakes couldn't be higher. Rescheduling marijuana would create the false impression that it is safe, would reduce penalties for peddling the drug illegally and would give those who purvey it legally a huge tax windfall. That would be a disaster.

Today's marijuana is more dangerous than ever before. The average potency of raw marijuana is 10 times higher than in the 1970s. Some marijuana products are supercharged to nearly 99 percent potency, 30 times that of several decades ago. Other products, such as candies, gummies and ice creams, also have high potency and are designed to appeal to young people.

The evidence continues to mount that marijuana poses horrific health risks. Young users are *over 11* times more likely to develop psychotic disorders. Eighty-two percent of young people hospitalized for psychotic disorders say they have used marijuana. Its use is also more closely tied to schizophrenia, a lifelong psychotic illness that affects millions of Americans, than the use of any other substance. Up to 30 percent of recent cases of schizophrenia in young men could have been prevented had they not used this drug.

Marijuana is also addictive. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says as much: "It is estimated that people who use cannabis have about a 30% likelihood of becoming addicted." A similar share of marijuana users — 28 percent — use it daily, compared with only 4 percent of drinkers who imbibe daily.

The dangers aren't only psychiatric. Published data links marijuana to heart attacks and other major cardiac issues, with BMJ Heart finding a doubled risk of cardiovascular death associated with use of the drug. These health consequences are the predictable result of a highly potent, addictive drug being normalized, commercialized and marketed as medicine.

It would be one thing if marijuana had medical value. But there is no credible evidence that marijuana is effective treatment for *any* medical condition, notwithstanding the millions of dollars spent trying to prove otherwise. As the Food and Drug Administration website confirms, it "has not determined that cannabis is safe and effective for any particular disease or condition."

That truth is confirmed by a steady drumbeat of recent high-quality studies. Consider a systematic review in The Lancet Psychiatry. It found that "there were no significant effects on outcomes associated with anxiety, anorexia nervosa, psychotic disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, and opioid use disorder." And the renowned Cochrane Library found in January that there is "no clear evidence" of marijuana's effectiveness in achieving meaningful pain relief, although chronic pain is the condition for which "medical" marijuana is most often recommended.

Finally, rescheduling would unlock enormous revenue for the corporate marijuana industry by putting the drug into a category not covered by a long-standing restriction on federal tax deductions. That would, in turn, allow the industry to spend even more on advertising and marketing to young people. The large corporate interests that are peddling marijuana don't make their profits from occasional users but by building a large base of frequent users. The industry considers 54 percent of users to be "high frequency" users, responsible for most weed consumption.

Even potentially lifesaving cancer drugs are withheld from the market until their effects have been studied. But those rushing to make recreational marijuana easily available do so without FDA approval, without adequate control and in the face of mounting evidence of the drug's dangerous health and social effects. Those who would loose this dragon on society are laying the groundwork for another Big Tobacco. They should think of the generations of future victims who will follow.

William Barr, an attorney with Torridon Law, served as U.S. attorney general from 1991 to 1993 and 2019 to 2020. Kevin Sabet, CEO of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, was a drug policy adviser in the Clinton, George W. Bush and Obama administrations.

El-Sayed has the edge as Michigan's Senate primary nears

BY HENRY OLSEN

A big part of the fun of following politics (yes, I promise, it can be fun!) is the prognosticating, so let's do that this week: Who's ahead in Tuesday's hard-fought Senate Democratic primary in Michigan, the next big showdown in the fight for control of the Democratic Party? The data are not conclusive, but they point in a clear direction — toward progressive Abdul El-Sayed.

Start with the polling. El-Sayed leads Rep. Haley Stevens in most of the available polling taken since state Sen. Mallory McMorrow dropped out of the race in early July. Two polls were taken by groups supporting El-Sayed and have him ahead by 13 to 16 percentage points. Ominously for Stevens, both indicate that El-Sayed is viewed much more favorably by Democratic voters than she is. Another poll showing El-Sayed comfortably ahead was released by a Democratic group Wednesday morning.

A fourth poll, taken for the Detroit News and WDIV by the Glengariff Group, showed Stevens up by seven points. That was an independent poll, which ought to hearten the Stevens camp. Except it also found that voters view El-Sayed more favorably than Stevens, and favorable opinions are a lot easier to convert into actual votes than negative ones are. And then there's a dog that hasn't barked: It's notable that no group supporting Stevens has released polling to counter the results from the two pro-El-Sayed surveys. One assumes that's because it doesn't exist.

What about early voting? Here, too, the data suggest an El-Sayed advantage. The state of Michigan has extensive no-excuse absentee balloting, and as of Wednesday morning, more than 850,000 voters had cast mail ballots in the primary. That's the total for both the Democratic and Republican races — the state doesn't break out the numbers — but nationally, Democrats are much likelier than Republicans to vote by mail. (Early in-person voting, a method favored by Republicans, has begun, but only 43,680 people had cast ballots that way as of Wednesday morning.)

Analysis of the 2018 gubernatorial primary, in which El-Sayed won 30 percent of the vote against current governor Gretchen Whitmer, and the 2020 presidential primary provides clues to the map we're likely to see Tuesday night. El-Sayed's strongest counties in 2018 closely mirrored progressive Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders's strongest ones in 2020. In both races, the progressives ran well ahead of their statewide vote shares in Washtenaw, Kent, Kalamazoo and Grand Traverse counties. Sanders also performed well in Marquette County on the Upper Peninsula and Ingham County, which includes Lansing, the state capital.

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Democratic Senate candidates Abdul El-Sayed and Haley Stevens debate Monday in Southfield, Michigan.

And so far, voters in those counties are turning out at higher rates than in ones more likely to back Stevens. Statewide, 12.2 percent of registered voters have cast ballots, but every one of these six counties is ahead of that pace, with turnout figures rising to 15.1 percent in Washtenaw, 14.7 percent in Marquette and 16.2 percent in Ingham.

Stevens, meanwhile, can expect to do well in urban counties with large numbers of Black voters. That's where Whitmer (2018) and Joe Biden (2020) won big. But voters in two of those counties, Wayne, dominated by Detroit, and Genesee, which includes Flint, are turning out at rates slightly under the statewide average, despite being heavily Democratic.

It's not all dark clouds for Stevens. High-income towns typically support more-establishment Democrats rather than leftists. Over 17.2 percent of voters have cast ballots in Grosse Ile and the Grosse Pointes, Detroit's close-in wealthy enclaves, and nearly 18.1 percent of voters in Oakland County's affluent Bloomfield Township and Bloomfield Hills have voted. Turnout is also lower than average in heavily Muslim Dearborn, Dearborn Heights and Hamtramck, all places that should overwhelmingly back El-Sayed.

But overall voter enthusiasm is clearly highest in areas favorable to El-Sayed. Sure, that might not turn out to be meaningful, but it probably shows that his supporters are more interested in getting to the polls than Stevens's.

The non-data indicators support this view: Monday night's debate included many sharp jabs from both candidates, but Stevens spent much of the time arguing that El-Sayed was running to be a celebrity who would not focus on Michigan's concerns. That's the kind of argument a trailing candidate makes to push undecided voters into their camp. The massive sums of outside money pouring into Michigan for Stevens also suggest her side is worried. And the good news for Stevens is double-edged. Whitmer had chosen not to endorse earlier in the contest. But as Election Day approached, the pressure from Democrats frightened by the prospect of an El-Sayed victory was reportedly too much to resist, and she came out for Stevens. Candidates who are ahead by the high single digits, as the Detroit News-WDIV poll found, do not need the kind of last-minute support that's been thrown at Stevens.

All of which might work, by the way. Undecided Democrats might respond to the big blitz, while liberals flirting with El-Sayed could conclude that nominating him increases the chance that Republican Mike Rogers will prevail in November. That view got a boost from a Glengariff poll, released Tuesday, showing Stevens beating Rogers by a point but Rogers trouncing El-Sayed by 10. Democratic primary voters hate President Donald Trump, and the thought of losing a Senate seat to Republicans might just push many to reluctantly back Stevens.

What's a good political prognostication if it doesn't end with a horse race metaphor? In politics, as on the racetrack, it's better to be ahead than behind coming into the final turn. We'll soon find out if Stevens can mount a furious run down the homestretch to nip El-Sayed at the wire.

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'Biological War' is a disturbing summons to seriousness

Three months before 9/11, some former Cabinet-level officials and subject-matter experts met near Washington to conduct a war game testing the nation's ability to respond to a biological weapons attack. The postulated weapon was a smallpox pathogen.

This exercise assumed that a Russian scientist, working at a lab in Siberia, sold smallpox to al-Qaeda. The game, code-named Dark Winter, began with the airborne pathogen — which incubates for about 12 days — released in Atlanta, Oklahoma City and Philadelphia. Smallpox, which had killed perhaps 300 million worldwide in the 20th century, was declared eliminated by 1980, so there were no substantial vaccine supplies. Infections spread exponentially, with a 30 percent fatality rate, collapsing health care systems nationwide and igniting violent disorders.

After 25 years of scientific advances, Annie Jacobsen says, biological war today could be immeasurably worse, with pathogens out there that have a 100 percent fatality rate. The only recent book more disturbing than Jacobsen's previous one, "Nuclear War: A Scenario," is her new one, "Biological War: A Scenario."

A reporter and historian, Jacobsen specializes in hypothetical catastrophes, including one made possible by a scientific advance capable of life-enhancing blessings. It is recombinant DNA, a.k.a. genetic engineering.

This enables "gain-of-function" research, which U.S. funding supported in Wuhan, China, where a lab leak might have unleashed covid-19. Such research gives a virus or bacterium new abilities — to spread faster, infect easier, evade immunity and live longer in the environment. Such research can enable scientists to develop defenses against a biological accident or attack. But, Jacobsen says, subject-matter experts told her it "is indistinguishable from illegal biological weapons work."

She says the rapid worldwide expansion of laboratories conducting gain-of-function experiments has been "an American-led, post-9/11 affair." She does not condemn this, but she wants readers to understand the implications of what Tom Ridge, the first Homeland Security secretary, and then-Sen. Joe Lieberman wrote in 2018: "Some of the biggest threats to the nation come from the smallest organisms on the planet."

Jacobsen's scenario envisions a leak from a Russian lab in Siberia. It lets loose a pathogen genetically engineered for hypervirulence in human-to-human transmission. And designed to produce in the unwitting infected not plague's natural lethargy but a brief burst of euphoria — hence hyperactive socializing.

Given the surfeit of fanaticisms today, it is horrifyingly easy to imagine an accident, or a rogue scientist, putting an engineered demon pathogen into the hands of lunatics.

The biological weapon that Jacobsen imagines, based on her research among U.S. experts, is a living munition that delivers a silent, odorless, invisible, airborne, self-replicating, disease-causing organism. "Forty thousand plague bacteria can," Jacobsen says, "fit side by side on the head of a pin." As few as 1,000 of them infecting one sailor can, within a few days, quickly neutralize an aircraft carrier with a full load displacement of 100,000 tons and a crew of 4,500.

Jacobsen's Russian lab leak quickly infects a few tourists, business travelers and others who, suspecting nothing for 24 hours, avail themselves of an efficient driver of modern pandemics — air travel. They disperse through, for example, the Frankfurt and Dallas Fort Worth airports (170,000 and 200,000 travelers a day, respectively). Infections increase exponentially.

Scarcities — of water, food, medicine — produce panic. "Conspiracy makes sense," Jacobsen writes, "when nothing else does." Confronted with the inexplicable, the public becomes susceptible to explanations (rumors of conspiracies) that cause the evaporation of trust, society's glue. Some product of gain-of-function research, says Jacobsen, "could be twenty-first-century humans' last invention."

Jacobsen reminds us that in the 14th century, a pandemic killed between one-third and one-half of Europe's population. If you think humanity's subsequent political maturation has matched its galloping scientific sophistication, look around.

Because the cultural and social dynamics of biological warfare are so dystopian, and so impossible to target and contain, perhaps no state actor will ever risk it. Yet given the surfeit of fanaticisms today, it is horrifyingly easy to imagine an accident, or a rogue scientist, putting an engineered demon pathogen into the hands of religious lunatics who are eager to please God by cleansing the planet of sinners, in order to start the human story over again.

Few Americans will think, even intermittently, about the unthinkable. Biological weapons are (rightly) enveloped in secrecy. And Americans' electoral choices are almost entirely irrelevant to the dreadful challenges of weaponized biology. But not entirely irrelevant.

Jacobsen's summons to seriousness arrives during a political season in which progressives are warning against an unpopular minority (the rich), and conservatives are warning against an unpopular minority (progressives). Jacobsen's message is: Cascading, irreversible, extinction-level events are possible, so sometimes government is a serious business. Vote accordingly.

EPA halted study on gas stoves, but data is still striking

Asthma patients had fewer attacks after appliance replacement

BY JAKE SPRING

Paul Moore's house is old. It was built around 1900 as a hunting lodge near where Cleveland would develop, and his grandparents bought the home around 50 years later, converting it over the years into a three-bedroom ranch that included what Moore called an "old school" gas stove.

When he moved into the house in 2020 with his wife and six children, Moore already had debilitating asthma. He got winded walking up hills and couldn't play basketball with his children. He slept poorly and couldn't hold steady employment, instead doing odd jobs like fixing neighbors' cars and houses. He was hospitalized multiple times with severe asthma attacks and almost died from being unable to breathe.

"My asthma was a real hindrance at the time. And I couldn't figure out why, you know?" Moore said. "Just couldn't pinpoint one thing or another. Was it me? Is it something going on with my body? Is it something else?"

It turned out that researchers at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and a local hospital network were studying asthma sufferers like Moore. He signed up to have his gas stove swapped out for an electric one in June 2025. That research would end up providing vital evidence on gas stoves' health impacts, amid fierce debate between fossil fuel advocates and climate change activists.

Moore said without the study, he has no clue how long it would have taken him to save the money to change it himself. The researchers spent an average of about $10,000 per household, as many old homes needed to be completely rewired to handle the larger electrical load of an induction stove.

What Moore didn't know is that he would be one of the last people to get a new stove as part of that work.

Ash Sehgal, a Case Western medical professor who led the study, had received an $18 million grant from the Environmental Protection Agency in December 2024 to replace the stoves in 1,200 homes of asthma sufferers in the Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, areas. A month before Moore's stove was replaced, Sehgal received a letter stating that the grant had been terminated.

It was one of thousands cut short after President Donald Trump took office and launched aggressive efforts to reduce government spending.

But unlike many others forced to halt their research, Sehgal and his co-authors released their study anyway, publishing it in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in Practice this month with a fraction of the intended sample size. Still, removing the gas stoves relieved the participants' asthma so much that the results were clear even with only 85 of them, according to two scientists who reviewed the methodology but were not involved in the study.

"What really surprised me is that the improvement in the asthma symptoms was similar to or even larger than the improvement in asthma symptoms that's reported in clinical trials of commonly used asthma medications," Sehgal said.

Participants recorded far fewer asthma attacks, emergency room visits and missed days of work after the stove was removed, and levels of nitrogen dioxide in their kitchens plummeted by 70 percent.

"They were able to see some important results, even with the grant getting canceled, even with the sample size being less than a tenth of what they'd intended," said Julian Marshall, an environmental engineering professor at the University of Washington.

"It's also an actionable finding. People who have asthma would want to know, 'What can I do about this?'" he added. "This is a major problem facing thousands and thousands of people across the U.S."

Sehgal said that while it can help to replace gas stoves that exacerbate symptoms, it is not a cure for asthma. Asthma sufferers still need to work with a doctor, take their medications and avoid triggers like pollen and cigarette smoke.

Rob Jackson, an environmental scientist at Stanford University who was not involved in the research, said many studies on indoor air pollution from gas stoves rely on models to estimate the impact on people's health, whereas this study makes real-life observations.

"It's important because the extent to which indoor air pollution from stoves harms people's health is still debated in state houses, federally, in courtrooms, and so every piece of the puzzle, even if it's only 85 individuals, strengthens that story," he said.

In recent years, conservatives have championed gas stoves and fought Biden-era policies that sought to reduce the use of fossil fuels driving climate change. Trump has championed fossil fuel development, seeking to boost the oil and gas industry by rolling back environmental protections and opening new areas to exploration.

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The Environmental Protection Agency has terminated $28.5 billion in grants during the second Trump administration.

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Mary Rios assembles switches, used in gas stoves, at an El Paso facility in 2019. Researchers looked at the effects of replacing gas stoves with electric stoves in the homes of people with asthma.

Politicizing science

Scientists have lamented the loss of federal funding following the Trump administration's dramatic cuts last year to grants across the government, including those awarded by the National Institutes for Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The EPA has terminated $28.5 billion in grants, according to Grant Witness, a tracking project, with much of that money intended to focus on helping communities respond to climate change or reduce pollution. That included funding projects that installed rooftop solar or sealed up houses against wildfire smoke, as well as scientific studies that had real-life applications, like evaluating the replacement of gas stoves.

The agency closed the Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, which awarded Sehgal's grant, amid its broader purge of programs related to climate change, environmental justice and diversity, equity and inclusion.

Despite court challenges, including a district judge ruling earlier this month that the cancellations were illegal, many researchers were forced to end their studies early.

EPA spokesperson Brigit Hirsch said in an email that the agency's internal scientists continue to conduct vital research.

"EPA's core mission is protecting human health and the environment, and at the Trump EPA, gold-standard science supported by our excellent career scientists is happening like never before to ensure clean air, land, and water for all Americans," she said.

The cancellation of the gas stoves research grant "seems to be a political decision, not necessarily based on science-based or public health priorities," said Darya Minovi, a public health researcher at the Union of Concerned Scientists, an advocacy group.

The administration is looking to expand its ability to shape scientific funding, she said. The White House's Office of Management and Budget proposed a new regulation in late May that would demand grants across the federal government align with the president's policy priorities or face cancellation.

While presidents often set the general direction of agencies by appointing their leadership, Minovi said this new policy would give the president more control over decisions typically made by staffers at institutions such as the NIH.

"This is really making it government-wide policy to politicize grant-making that should not be subject to the whims of a president, but really should be decided on scientific merit," she said.

What was lost

Based on the results that were published, Sehgal can estimate how much damage halting the study caused. If 1,100 more households had participated as originally planned, it would have resulted in 900 people with better-controlled asthma and 84 fewer people who would go to the emergency room or be hospitalized.

Many of those people probably don't even realize the connection between their asthma and their gas stove, said Angela Bland, a 38-year-old stay-at-home mom in Akron who also participated in the study. She said the impact of replacing her stove was almost immediate, and she didn't feel her throat closing up as much while cooking.

"It was kind of heartbreaking because I was like here's something that can really help people and get information out there to help people, and they cut it so quick," she said.

Similar to Bland, Moore said he quickly felt the impact of removing his gas stove.

"It was just like, 'Huh, I feel a little bit better. It's not like how it used to be.' It was a slow realization over the first week," he said.

He remembers waking up to his daughter cooking, smelling the food and feeling good for once, so much so that his family noticed.

"They felt the difference. It was a magical moment," Moore said.

After his health improved, Moore found a new job locating gas lines so that major construction projects don't rupture them.

"There's a whole lot of people out there probably feeling just like how I felt," he said. "A lot more people deserve to feel good when they cook or when they eat or when they are able to sit down with their families."

Lifeguard battles pounding surf to save a child swept out to sea

BY MAGGIE PENMAN

Scott Vander Dussen lives near Seabright Beach in Santa Cruz, California, and walks there most days with his camera. On Saturday around 3 p.m. he heard the crash of a sudden, unusually loud wave.

Then he saw that a child who had lost his footing in the surf was being swept out to sea.

"I looked over and I could see in the white foam the juxtaposition of this dark head getting pulled out," Vander Dussen said.

Vander Dussen ran to the nearest lifeguard tower and saw a rescue was already underway. He started filming.

A lifeguard dashed into the water and grabbed the child, locking his arms around the boy as they bobbed up and down about 15 yards off shore. Holding the boy, the lifeguard made progress swimming toward the shore between swells, diving under big waves when they crashed.

Another lifeguard and several bystanders ran to the water to help, and after a few minutes, the child was pulled to safety. The boy did not sustain serious injuries and was released to his parents, according to a statement from California State Parks.

Lifeguards made 34 rescues over the weekend in Santa Cruz, according to California State Parks. The statement said long pauses between waves can bring a "false sense of security due to conditions appearing calm even during periods of high surf."

Vander Dussen said the wave that knocked the boy down was a "sneaker wave," meaning a huge and sudden swell of water that can be dangerous because it often takes beachgoers by surprise.

He posted his video of the rescue on social media where hundreds of thousands of people have seen and shared it.

"I wasn't expecting that response, but it absolutely blew up," Vander Dussen said.

Tom Griffiths, founder of the Aquatic Safety Research Group, watched the video and said the lifeguard, who the parks department declined to identify, was well-trained — in particular in the way he handled big crashing waves during the rescue.

"As the wave approaches him, as it's breaking, he will dive head first and duck his chin down to get closer to the bottom, to get under the surface where there's less turbulence," Griffiths said.

On Tuesday, President Donald Trump posted on X and Truth Social about the incident, writing: "We're going to bring this heroic young man, and his family, into the White House with, perhaps, the boy he saved, to give him a High Civilian Honor. Very brave, he deserves it!"

The National Weather Service issued warnings this week about elevated surf and dangerous riptides along the California coast.

Because of a sprawling marine heat wave in the Pacific, more storms are expected there this year, increasing the potential for powerful waves to reach California from thousands of miles away.

"If you're a surfer, you're loving it," Griffiths said of the current conditions in the Pacific. "If you're a beachgoer, it's dangerous."

Griffiths advised that beachgoers assess conditions and check in with lifeguards before entering the water. Even strong swimmers can be knocked down by powerful waves and pulled out by rip currents, as likely happened in this case in Santa Cruz.

Vander Dussen said he wasn't expecting such a huge response to his video, but he hopes the takeaway for people is to be careful in the water this summer.

"Living here on the beach, I see people visiting all the time. We want to see people come, but we want to see them go home safely," Vander Dussen said.

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A lifeguard rescues a boy at Seabright Beach in Santa Cruz, California, on Saturday.

Ben Noll contributed to this report.

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PAULA ABREU PITA/BROOKLYN MUSEUM

"Iris van Herpen: Sculpting the Senses" runs through Dec. 6 at the Brooklyn Museum, showcasing more than 140 of the designer's elaborate, intricate and sometimes mind-boggling designs.

This designer has made gowns for Beyoncé and Björk. She needed my help.

BLANCA CRUZ/ AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Dutch fashion designer Iris Van Herpen at Paris Fashion Week on July 6. She is now inviting the public to help her craft a dress.

BY SHANE O'NEILL

Iris van Herpen needed my help. That made me nervous.

This was the Dutch designer who had created breathtaking looks for Beyoncé tours, Björk albums and more than a dozen Met Gala looks, including Eileen Gu's 2026 bubble dress.

On Sunday, as part of the Brooklyn Museum retrospective "Iris van Herpen: Sculpting the Senses," the 42-year-old designer invited the public to join her on-site atelier to help her craft a dress right there in the museum. (The designer will make additional appearances in October.)

As part of my one-on-one time with Van Herpen, I sat at a table gazing at a strip of silver mesh fused with silk.

"This was made 30 years ago, and no one makes it anymore," Van Herpen said.

"Don't mess it up," she added with a laugh, before instructing me to make pleats with the fabric.

SEE **VAN HERPEN** ON **B2**

BTS won't submit music for 2027 Grammys

BY MARIA SHERMAN
Associated Press

K-pop powerhouse BTS said they will not submit their music for consideration at the forthcoming 2027 Grammy Awards.

All seven BTS members — RM, Suga, J-hope, Jimin, V, Jung Kook and Jin — shared the same note Wednesday.

"We hope our music can be heard and loved for what it is, rather than being divided by region or language," the coordinated message read. "We thank Army and everyone who has always stood by us."

Wednesday's announcement came just over a month after the Recording Academy announced five new Grammy categories, which include best Asian pop music performance, meant to celebrate releases across K-pop, J-pop, C-pop and beyond.

Some fans viewed the new category as a racialized barrier for Asian performers.

A representative for BTS offered no additional comment.

BTS has never won a Grammy, though they've been nominated for five: three times in the best pop duo/group performance category as well as album of the year (for their contributions to Coldplay's "Music of the Spheres") and best music video for "Yet to Come."

MATT ROURKE/AP

BTS performed their 2020 hit "Dynamite" at the World Cup final soccer match between Spain and Argentina in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on July 19.

In fact, no K-pop act had ever won a Grammy before this year, when "Golden" from the Netflix animated film "KPop Demon Hunters" took home the trophy for best song for visual media. It capped a highly visible night for K-pop at the Grammys — an institution where the genre has long been undercelebrated despite its massive international follow-

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Q&A

'Cool Machine' brings one last heist to crime trilogy

Colson Whitehead wants series to go out with a bang

BY ERIK PEDERSEN
Orange County Register

For "Cool Machine," the 1980s-set final novel in his Harlem crime trilogy, Colson Whitehead drew inspiration from another classic American story.

That's right, "Die Hard."

While there aren't any obvious parallels between the movie and his novel's three sections, Whitehead says the idea of the 1988 blockbuster action film, which stars Bruce Willis as a New York City cop trying to make things right with his wife while terrorists ruin Christmas Eve, inspired him to raise the stakes of his story.

"It's the last book, and it's the '80s, so I wanted to go big. And I think 'Die Hard' is an exemplary, big-budget, high-concept action movie from the '80s," says the author, who won the Pulitzer Prize twice for earlier novels, in 2017 for "The Underground Railroad" and 2020 for "The Nickel Boys."

"The heist in the 1981 chapter of the book is much bigger and more complicated than I've done before," he says. "So the idea of a big '80s blockbuster informed some of it. Also, it's the last volume, it's the last story, so you want to go out with a bang."

As he has in his two earlier books in the trilogy, "Harlem Shuffle" and "Crook Manifesto," Whitehead in "Cool Machine" focuses on Ray Carney, his protagonist, a furniture salesman and part-time fence, or dealer in stolen goods, and Pepper, Ray's sociopathic friend, mentor and criminal associate. And like the first two books in the trilogy, it's told in three novella-length sections that are grounded in reality.

"The core influence on all three books is 'The Taking of Pelham 123,' which is an early '70s crime movie," he says. "It's a real cross-section of New Yorkers in all our cranky glory. I remember seeing that as a young kid in the '70s, and that's really the sort of low-technology crime story that going way back made me want to write a

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GLEN HANSARD | 1970 — 2026

Oscar-winning Irish singer-songwriter who starred in movie 'Once' dies at 56

RON HARRIS/AP

Glen Hansard formed the Irish rock band the Frames in 1990, and served as its front man for more than three decades. He gained broader global appeal after starring in "Once," a 2007 romantic drama about an Irish street busker who falls in love with a Czech flower vendor and fellow aspiring musician.

BY AMY B WANG AND ETHAN BECK

Glen Hansard, an Irish singer-songwriter who starred in the Oscar-winning movie "Once," died Wednesday at age 56, his management company said.

"With broken hearts we announce the passing of Glen Hansard in the early hours of this morning," read a message from ATC Management on Mr. Hansard's website.

"We are still dealing with the shock of it all, so we kindly ask that the privacy of Glen's family, colleagues and friends is respected at this difficult time," it added.

Irish police said they responded to a collision in Dublin involving a motorcycle just before 4:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"The motorcyclist, a man in his 50s, was treated at the scene but was pronounced deceased a short time later," police said, urging anyone who may have witnessed or taken camera footage of the incident to come forward.

Several Irish news outlets reported that Mr. Hansard was the victim in the incident.

Glen James Hansard was born in Dublin on April 21, 1970. His mother worked as a fruit seller at the open-air food market on Moore Street. On several occasions, he recalled his childhood as a turbulent one, rooted in government housing and marked by his father's alcoholism and spurts of domestic violence.

A guitarist with a soulful voice, Mr. Hansard formed the Irish rock band the Frames in 1990, and served as its front man for more than three decades.

After falling in love with them as a teenager, Mr. Hansard considered Bob Dylan, Van Morrison and Leonard Cohen his foremost influences. In 1991, he had his first breakthrough when he starred as one of several young Irish musicians who came together to found a soul group in "The Commitments."

He gained broader global appeal after starring in the 2007 movie "Once," a romantic drama about an Irish street busker who falls in love with a Czech flower vendor and fellow aspiring musician. Mr. Hansard and his co-star, Markéta Irglová, won the Academy Award for Best Original Song for the film's "Falling Slowly."

The story of "Once" echoed Mr. Hansard's real life experience: At 13, he dropped out of school to busk. In his late teens, he formed the Frames, a vehicle for his belted choruses and direct, vulnerable lyricism. More than a decade after their debut album, they notched a No. 1 album in Ireland with 2004's "Burn the Maps."

"The Irish troubadour's best songs, such as 'When Your Mind's Made Up,' build seamlessly from a whisper into a gospel-like fervor," wrote Christopher Kompanek for The Washington Post in 2015, adding later: "You don't really hear Hansard fully until you hear him live."

In a statement Wednesday, Irish Prime Minister Micheál Martin praised Mr. Hansard as a "talented musician and actor who made a significant contribution to Ireland's cultural landscape over many years."

"My sincere sympathies to his family, friends, and fans," Martin wrote.

In 2022, Mr. Hansard married poet Maire Saaritsa. They had one son.

Mr. Hansard counted artists from Bruce Springsteen to Billie Eilish as fans. Even with those brushes with fame, Mr. Hansard often expressed a desire to keep moving forward.

"A song is like a saddle: you ride it for a while," he told Interview Magazine in 2012, "and if it's the right kind of song you can sing it for the rest of your life."

Iris van Herpen is inviting the public to take part in her creative process

VAN HERPEN FROM B1

It was basically how we made fans in kindergarten by folding construction paper accordion-style. I was "helping" Van Herpen the way a child "helps" her mother bake cookies by pouring in a premeasured teaspoon of vanilla and then licking the bowl. Look, Mom! I'm *helping!*

The exhibition, which runs through Dec. 6, showcases more than 140 of Van Herpen's elaborate, intricate and sometimes mind-boggling designs worn by artists such as Lorde, Grimes, Lady Gaga and Jennifer Lopez. Van Herpen told me that while she doesn't think about "muses" when creating, she does hope to dress Zendaya one day.

The walls of this room — labeled "Alchemical Atelier" — are covered with scraps, swatches and samples of Van Herpen's ornate and complicated process. Her creations are inspired by exoskeletons, mathematical formulas and repeated patterns found in nature.

"In my work, I'm definitely traveling time," Van Herpen said from a Brooklyn apartment near the museum during an earlier video interview.

"A lot of people, when they reference my work, they see fossil textures — very ancient constructions — because that natural element is in there," she said. "At the same time, people also see the future in it. I would say I'm always trying to find that balance between the two."

Since founding her label in 2007, she has collaborated with scientists and master craftsmen to pioneer new construction techniques that incorporate 3D printing, laser cutting and iron filings cast in resin, manipulated with magnets.

"But the simple handwork is as powerful in a way," Van Herpen said as she hand-stitched the pleated strips into abstract clusters. "It reminds me of coral and lava at the same time," she said.

Van Herpen had a rough sketch of a gown for reference in front of her. "But the real design process is happening on the stand."

She gestured to the dress form to her left, where Petra Schuddeboom, the head of atelier at Iris van Herpen, pinned, stitched and occasionally stepped back to contemplate the work in progress.

ON WHITE WALL STUDIO/BROOKLYN MUSEUM

The "Alchemical Atelier" room at the "Iris van Herpen: Sculpting the Senses" exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum. The walls of this room are covered with scraps, swatches and samples of Van Herpen's ornate and complicated process. Her creations are inspired by exoskeletons, mathematical formulas and repeated patterns found in nature.

Museumgoers watched and recorded us on their phones. Museum employees with clipboards and lanyards attended to the line of about 15 people who were waiting for their audience with the designer.

Obviously, the scene reminded me of Marina Abramovic's 2010 work "The Artist is Present," in which the public lined up for one-on-one sessions to silently sit across a table from the performance artist.

"I would not say this is a performance like Marina would do," Van Herpen said. She admires performance artists such as Abramovic, Yoko Ono and Miles Greenberg, but says she's doing something different.

"It's not about a performance as something on its own. It's really an expression of who I am and why I create and how I create."

She asked each of the participants to share "an important moment that they've had with nature." I told her about taking my boyfriend to a swimming hole in New Mexico. She told me about a three-week hike in the Dolomites with her partner, the musician Salvador Breed, and their dog, Gaia.

Breed created the custom soundscapes for "Sculpting the Senses," which were tweaked and customized for the New York exhibition. One room that featured skeletal designs had sporadic pops that sounded like drips in a cave or knuckles cracking, or delicate bones breaking. Crisp! Satisfying! Unnerving!

As she sewed and I folded, Van Herpen told me that we were also part of a sort of sound installation that very day.

"All the conversations are being recorded," she said. "And I'm going to take out the ones that are inspirational to me and embroider them to the inside of the dress."

I turned to the sleeveless silver gown, its skirt gradually filling up with hand-pleated embellishments, and imagined my story about making out in a waterfall secretly sewn into its lining. The thought added to the juvenile thrill of touching fabric that a master designer would turn into a beautiful dress.

"Look!" I wanted to shout from the table. "I'm *helping!*"

PAULA ABREU PITA/BROOKLYN MUSEUM

A Van Herpen dress worn by Anne Hathaway in the 2026 movie "Mother Mary." Van Herpen hopes to dress Zendaya one day.

ON WHITE WALL STUDIO/BROOKLYN MUSEUM

Olympic skier Eileen Gu wore a dress by Iris van Herpen to this year's Met Gala that's similar to the one shown above.

PAULA ABREU PITA/BROOKLYN MUSEUM

Van Herpen founded her label in 2007. "In my work, I'm definitely traveling time," the designer said in an interview.

In final book of Harlem crime trilogy, Colson Whitehead is upping the stakes

Q&A FROM **B1**

heist story."

Whitehead, who spoke via Zoom a few days before the book's publication, discussed writing the trilogy, spending time downtown in the 1980s and watching films like "Escape From New York" and TV shows like "Andor."

This conversation has been edited for length and clarity.

This book is the final installment in your Harlem trilogy, which initially started as a single novel. How did the stakes change as the narrative expanded into a trilogy?

It was going to be a single story, but I realized it was going to be a trilogy halfway through writing the first one. I conceived of "Harlem Shuffle" as three novellas in one. And halfway through, I kept coming up with more and more ideas for heists, capers, and so it became two books — but really for just like a day. Immediately, I was like, it will be a trilogy and I'll follow the main character for 30 years and I'll follow the city for 30 years.

Would you talk about how we find your protagonist, Ray Carney, a furniture salesman and sometime dealer in stolen goods, in "Cool Machine"?

It's the end of Carney's story. He's in his 50s, and we've seen him become a father in the first one. Now his kids are grown up and out of the house. He's an empty nester, sort of vaguely depressed.

Part of the depression comes from having achieved his goals. The store's doing fine. His criminal business is puttering along. No big police interest. As a father, as a person, he has to ask himself, "So what's next?"

In a way, these books are about work and the satisfaction some people get out of what they do, as opposed to vacations or vices or other things.

I think a lot of my books feature what I call weird jobs. So my first book, "The Intuitionist," is about elevator inspectors. "Apex Hides the Hurt" is about a branding consultant. "Zone One" is about people who clean up after the zombie apocalypse.

While I have had very few real jobs in my life, I sort of understand the philosophy of work, and I've gotten a lot of creative juice out of finding the metaphoric implications of jobs.

Ray Carney is a fence. What does that mean? A lot of fences will have a public face, a real storefront, and then they're doing their evil business in the back. That's a divided nature, and so a simple job like a fence, for me, is very generative.

He loves his wife, Elizabeth. He loves his kids. But when they're not around, he seems to fall back into crime.

When Elizabeth goes away, he does tend to get into some trouble. He's unsupervised, and definitely there's a compulsion that he's trying to master and understand. In the third book, he's maybe realizing that he doesn't do it because he needs the money. He likes the chaos.

He definitely has a secret life. When I was thinking of who he is after midnight, there's a section in "Harlem Shuffle" that deals with dorveille, which is a way of sleeping that people did before we got electric light: You fall asleep for four or five hours, and you're up for an hour or two before your second phase of sleep. It's called segmented sleep, and apparently, it's what a lot of people did in the Middle Ages.

I connected with that because it seemed like after midnight, there's this two-hour block of activity when no one with a real job is up. It's the domain of alcoholics, criminals, and writers, and definitely, I felt at home there at different moments of my life.

How do you make a book feel like it's set in the 1980s? Is it enough to include some '80s references and then focus on the characters and story, or is it something else?

I mean, the characters are always the most important thing, and then which things from the '80s can I repurpose for the story that would make sense?

People would get their radios stolen in the New York City streets in the '80s, and so there was a rise of a thing called the Benzi Box, a portable radio you would take when you left. Then people started putting these signs that said "no radio," so you wouldn't break the glass and then find out there's no radio in there. So that's a mark of the '80s, but then, how can I use that for Ray's story? For Pepper, when he sees those signs, it's a break in protocol, you know, the prey, the car owner, should not try to communicate with the predator, the thief. It goes against his own sort of criminal code. And for Ray, having a "no radio" sign is a capitulation to the forces of the city; it's embarrassing. Like, I'm a man; I'm not going to say "no radio."

So it's finding a signifier of the '80s, but then, most importantly, making it serve the story so it's not just a random name check. It actually is there for a reason.

You would have been in your early teens in the '80s. Did you spend time downtown in any of the places Pepper visits in the book?

It's the time of Basquiat, Kenny Scharf, and a new sort of art movement, street art. It's also a very fertile time of post-punk and No Wave music. I was not going downtown at that period, but my sister was four years older and she was a real hipster. I would hear these crazy bands as I walked past her room: Gang of Four, ESG, the Bush Tetras. As an 11-year-old, that's what I thought was pop music. So she really informed my tastes.

The 1983 section, when Pepper goes downtown, is an homage to those days. A couple of years after '83, that's when I started making my pilgrimages downtown to buy my Siouxsie and the Banshees T-shirt and my Birthday Party record. So definitely, I had fun re-creating this; I was finally at the moment in the series where I actually walked the same sidewalks as Pepper and Ray Carney.

I once played a song by the Birthday Party, Nick Cave's chaotic and terrifying early band, for a goth friend of mine, and he said it was too scary.

The title of "Cool Machine" comes from a line in "Release the Bats" by the Birthday Party: "My baby is a cool machine." The lyrics don't really make sense; it's some kind of weird erotic reverie of Nick Cave. But I always thought those words, "cool machine," were really kind of, well, cool, so I sort of weaseled them into this novel.

In his store, Ray is selling an idea of livable space at a time when the city is becoming less livable, and I wonder how much you were thinking about that as you wrote this.

It was sort of random. I wanted a straight profession and storefront for my fence. I picked furniture, I'm not sure why. But then, I make these decisions, and I have to sell it, whether it's a zombie sweeper or a furniture salesman.

A lot of the fun in the book for me is his neurotic fixation on mid-century modern furniture. He's in the middle of a gun battle, and he'll stop to think, "Oh, this is a Sterling Model Dreamcast recliner; they stopped making them because the springs used to poke people," and "Oh, I'm being shot at." So he's a dedicated purveyor of home furniture.

These decisions you make end up paying off as you really think about them, invest in them and see how they can serve the story.

We discussed movies the last time we spoke, and I wanted to ask you about the poster for John Carpenter's 1981 film, "Escape from New York," which appears throughout the book.

As kids, my brother and I were big movie rental people, always heading down to get our Betamax tapes and VHS tapes on Friday. We'd rent Dario Argento, John Carpenter, "True Confessions" with Robert De Niro, and a bunch of slasher movies. We were big Carpenter fans, so as a kid I was really into "Escape From New York."

And then how it functions in the book, it's a refrain because Carney, as a lifelong New Yorker, cannot understand why anyone would leave New York.

So it has a function for me personally, and in the book, it underscores Carney's die-hard New Yorker point of view, where you can't even understand why someone would want to escape from New York, and what would happen to you if you did. Like, it seems crazy out there.

So you and your brother had that poster growing up?

Oh, yeah. We had the novelization, we had the poster, we had the soundtrack. We had everything. If they'd had an "Escape From New York" T-shirt, we would have had that as well. A Snake Plissken eye patch? I'm sure we would have had one of those.

We also spend time with Pepper, who you described to me as "sociopathic mentor/uncle figure" and I wonder why characters like that are so compelling.

He provides a different idea of being a criminal, of being a person. Ray loves his family; Pepper has no family. Eventually, you know, he becomes adopted by them. But he provides a different way of being in the world and being a criminal and being a New Yorker. One thing I did not plan while I was writing "Harlem Shuffle" was Pepper's bigger role, but he demanded it, and I gave in to it.

I really think it's the power of point of view. When you're seeing everything through his eyes, you're his ally. I think a lot of the effective blue-ribbon TV that's on now, like "Succession," everyone's a horrible character, but when they're the POV character for an episode, you get seduced by their point of view. You're seeing things with their eyes, and then they do something terrible, and you realize that you've been sort of seduced in this way. But I think the power of perspective and POV is really persuasive.

Speaking of blue-ribbon TV, you're a Star Wars fan, and I wonder what you thought about "Andor," which also uses a device like yours to revisit the characters over time.

I thought it was a cool structure for a series and definitely the three books are split into three stories in each volume. And by jumping ahead, even just by five years, you can really see how the tiny changes add up to a lot. I do remember seeing "Andor" and being like, "Yes! I'm doing the same thing!"

I found the structure really good in terms of just writing it. I would write one for three and a half months, and then take three months off and then figure out the next one.

I was writing it in segments, and it was less daunting than writing a novel straight through. Each story had a beginning, middle, and end, and then each story in each book was Act One, Act Two, Act Three. If you pull back, "Harlem Shuffle" is Act One, "Crook Manifesto" is Act Two, and "Cool Machine" is Act Three.

Structurally, it really paid off.

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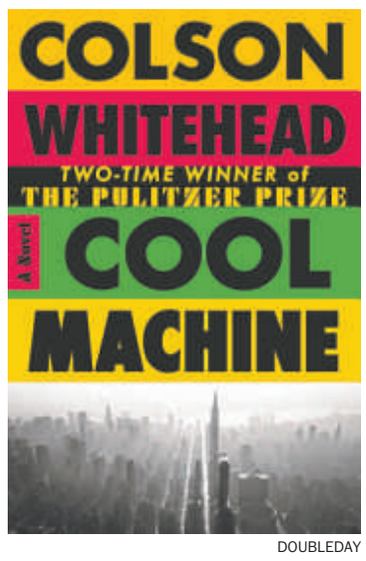
Colson Whitehead at the 2024 Festival America in Vincennes, France. He has won the Pulitzer Prize twice for earlier novels, in 2017 for "The Underground Railroad" and 2020 for "The Nickel Boys."



DOUBLEDAY

"Cool Machine," set in the 1980s, follows protagonist Ray Carney, a furniture salesman and sometimes dealer in stolen goods, and his friend Pepper.

"The heist in the 1981 chapter of the book is much bigger and more complicated than I've done before ... it's the last volume, it's the last story, so you want to go out with a bang."

Colson Whitehead, author of newly released novel "Cool Machine"

JULIO CORTEZ/AP

BTS's decision not to submit their music for Grammy consideration comes as the Recording Academy has faced backlash.

BTS wants their music to be heard, not othered

BTS FROM **B1**

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In March, BTS returned after a nearly four-year musical hiatus. "Arirang," the 14-track, critically acclaimed fifth studio album from the septet, served as both a reintroduction to the band after its members completed South Korea's mandatory military service and as a keen reminder of their place atop popular culture conversation.

Representatives for the Recording Academy did not immediately respond to the Associated Press' request for comment.

Downsizing senior gives to everyone but best friend

Asking Eric

R. ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: I have a longtime friend who is downsizing as she prepares to sell her home and move into assisted living. Every time we talk, she shares a story about a unique item and the lucky person who has received it.

I am genuinely happy about this and wholeheartedly support giving away treasures before you die so you can ensure it's going to a good home.

I'm also human and starting to feel left out of the largesse. Any tips on how to navigate my feelings and her process?

— Not Ungrateful

Not Ungrateful: Try to put her experience into context. She's going through a big change in her life, one that may involve some grief. Giving her belongings away may feel good but it also might make her sad or give rise to existential fears about being forgotten. Try to listen to her stories from her perspective. See if you can hear her telling you about her attempts to leave a legacy and reckon with her life thus far. It may soften the edge a bit.

Additionally, if there are items that you want, be proactive about asking for them. She may be grateful to know they'll be in appreciative hands. Or, if there isn't any particular item that you have your eye on, consider asking her if you can help her in this process. Having a conversation about her process in person, with the actual items near at hand may make the experience feel different and offer an opportunity to ask for something you want.

Lastly — and I'm not trying to be too precious about this — remember that she is giving something to you: her story. She's telling you about her life, her legacy and her feelings. She's not doing that for everyone and it's a valuable gift.

Dear Eric: My partner and I have been together for more than eight years. We both lost our spouses quite a few years ago and feel really blessed to be sharing these years of our lives together. We totaled up 110 years of marriage between us. We are in our late 80s and early 90s. Independent and still living on our own. Still traveling and having fun.

On Mother's Day and Father's Day we have not given gifts but always acknowledged and gave hugs and good wishes for many more. We each have three kids all in their 60s and mostly retired.

On this past Father's Day, my kids wished my partner a Happy Father's Day either online or in person. One of his sons came to visit him with a sweet card of thanks for all the love and caring he has done for him.

His other two sons have yet to even call to say hello, let alone wish him Happy Father's Day. He sends each one of them a nice check each month, not because they need the money, but because he is a generous, giving person.

He says it does not bother him that they did not call or acknowledge Father's Day. It makes me really angry with them and sad. I know their dad did not model this kind of behavior. I am doing my best to not blow my top at them on his behalf. Please give me some of your wise words to use with them.

— Sad Partner

Partner: Your partner's sons absolutely should have reached out. However, it will be more productive to take your partner at his word that it doesn't bother him. To not do so risks creating problems between him and his kids, or between you and his kids.

Now, one might argue that there's already a problem between you and his kids — namely that you're offended and saddened by their behavior. That's something that you can address.

First, talk with your partner about your feelings and the expectation that you had of his sons. See if there is an aspect of his relationship with his sons that he's not sharing or something that might cast this all in a different light. If you still feel the same way, consider telling him that you plan to talk to the sons and see what he says about that. You may find that he's against the plan. It would be good to respect that.

If you do talk to the sons, try to lead with suggestions and requests for future behavior, rather than castigation. You could say, for instance, "I know your dad says he doesn't expect calls on special days, but I've seen how much those calls mean to him when they come. Could you try to remember to reach out in the future? If you want a reminder, I'm happy to give it. I think both you and your dad will be glad you got another chance to connect."

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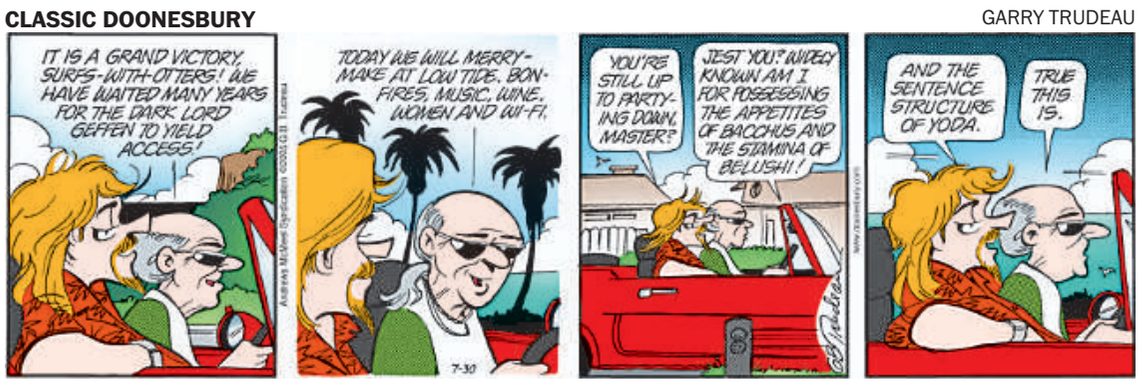
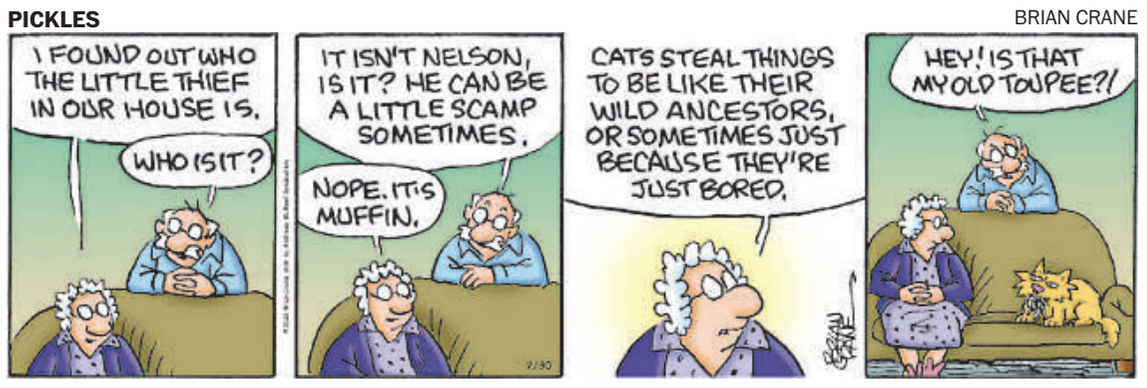
CLASSIC DOONESBURY GARRY TRUDEAU

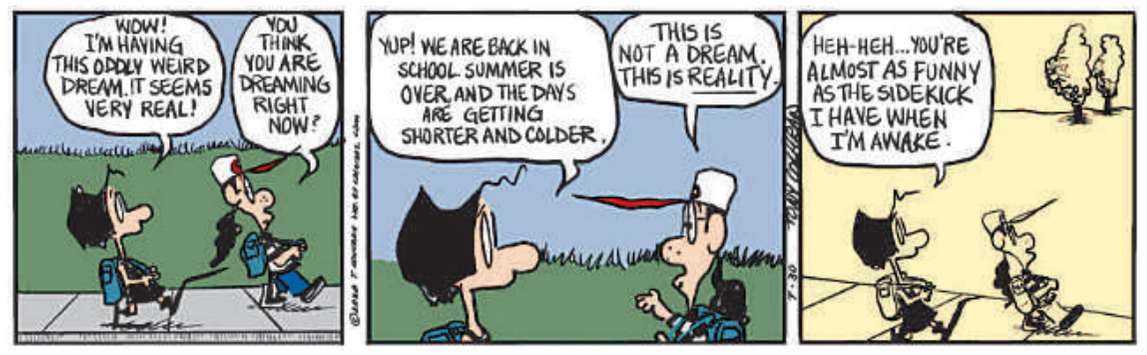

IT IS A GRAND VICTORY, SURFS-WITH-OTTERS! WE HAVE WAITED MANY YEARS FOR THE DARK LORD GEFFEN TO YIELD ACCESS!
TODAY WE WILL MERRY-MAKE AT LOW TIDE. BON-FIRES, MUSIC, WINE, WOMEN AND WI-FI.
YOU'RE STILL UP TO PARTY-ING DOWN, MASTER?
JEST YOU? WIDELY KNOWN AM I FOR POSSESSING THE APPETITES OF BACCHUS AND THE STAMINA OF BELUSHI!
AND THE SENTENCE STRUCTURE OF YODA.
TRUE THIS IS.

PICKLES BRIAN CRANE

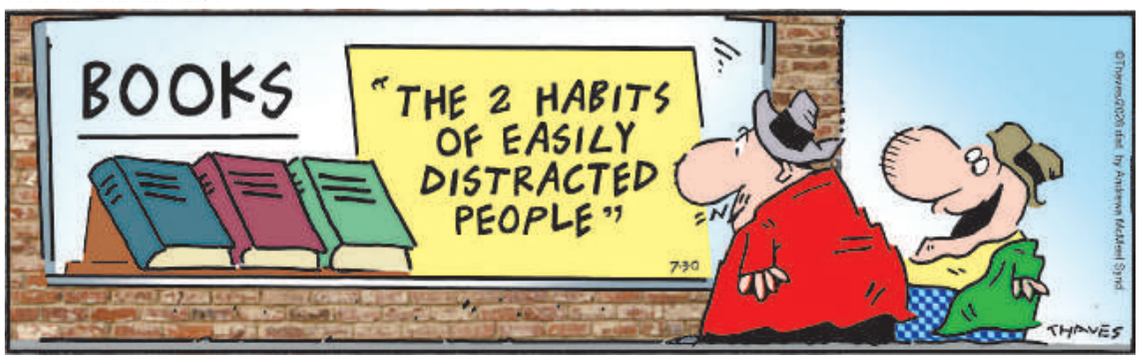

I FOUND OUT WHO THE LITTLE THIEF IN OUR HOUSE IS.
WHO IS IT?
IT ISN'T NELSON, IS IT? HE CAN BE A LITTLE SCAMP SOMETIMES.
NOPE. IT IS MUFFIN.
CATS STEAL THINGS TO BE LIKE THEIR WILD ANCESTORS, OR SOMETIMES JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE JUST BORED.
HEY! IS THAT MY OLD TOUPEE?!

RED AND ROVER BRIAN BASSET

AGNES TONY COCHRAN


WOW! I'M HAVING THIS ODDLY WEIRD DREAM. IT SEEMS VERY REAL!
YOU THINK YOU ARE DREAMING RIGHT NOW?
YUP! WE ARE BACK IN SCHOOL. SUMMER IS OVER, AND THE DAYS ARE GETTING SHORTER AND COLDER.
THIS IS NOT A DREAM. THIS IS REALITY.
HEH-HEH... YOU'RE ALMOST AS FUNNY AS THE SIDEKICK I HAVE WHEN I'M AWAKE.

FRANK AND ERNEST TOM THAVES



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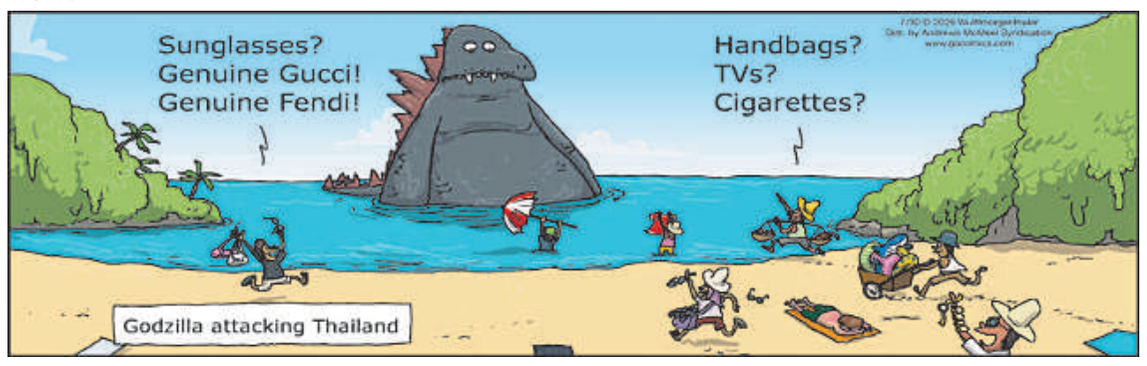
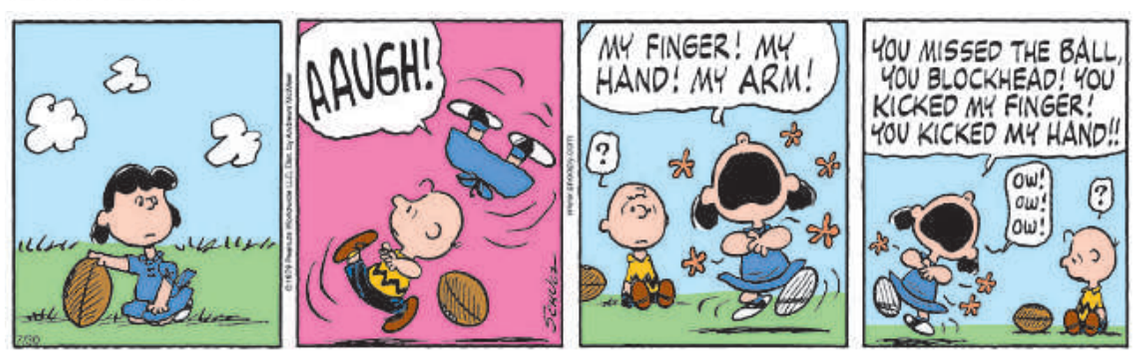


CLASSIC PEANUTS CHARLES SCHULZ



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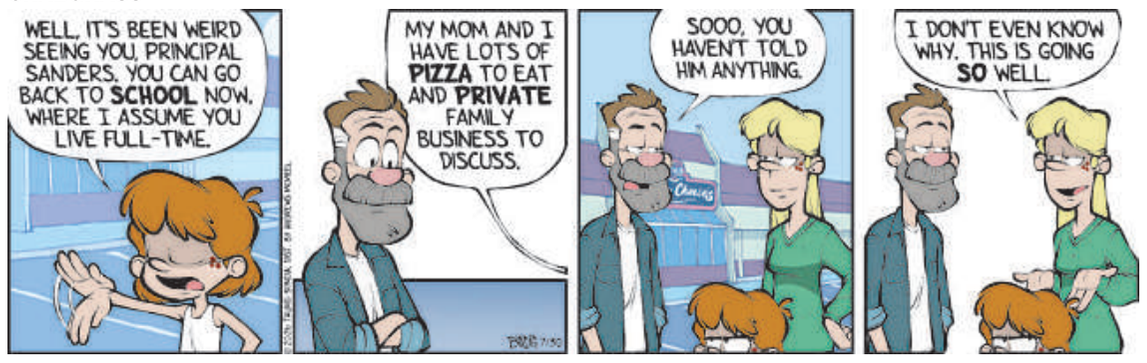
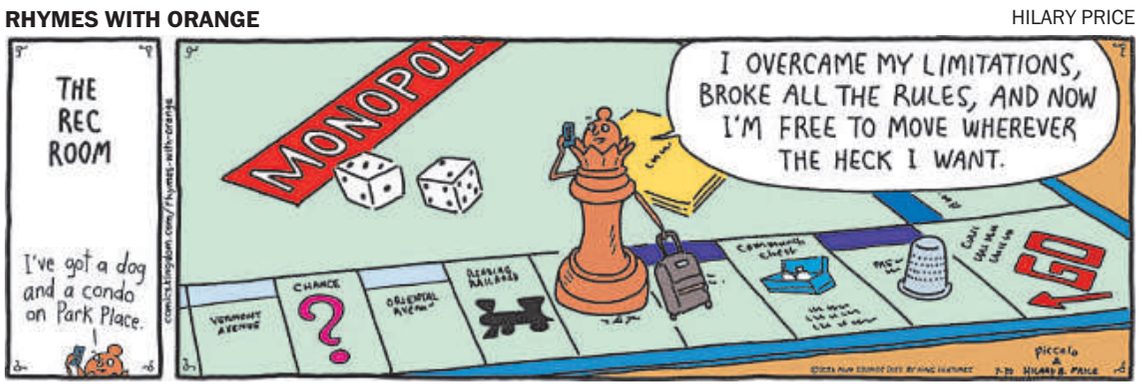
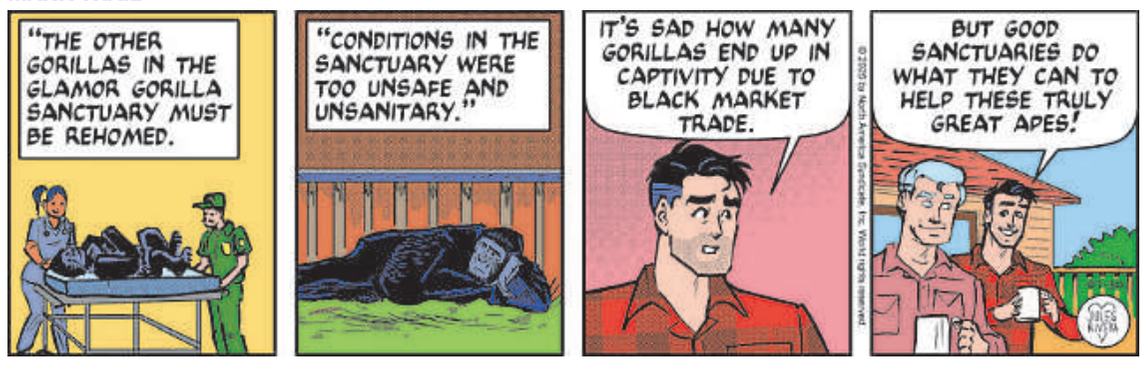

WELL, IT'S BEEN WEIRD SEEING YOU, PRINCIPAL SANDERS. YOU CAN GO BACK TO SCHOOL NOW. WHERE I ASSUME YOU LIVE FULL-TIME.
MY MOM AND I HAVE LOTS OF PIZZA TO EAT AND PRIVATE FAMILY BUSINESS TO DISCUSS.
SOOO, YOU HAVEN'T TOLD HIM ANYTHING.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY. THIS IS GOING SO WELL.

RHYMES WITH ORANGE HILARY PRICE


THE REC ROOM
I've got a dog and a condo on Park Place.
MONOPOLY
I OVERCAME MY LIMITATIONS, BROKE ALL THE RULES, AND NOW I'M FREE TO MOVE WHEREVER THE HECK I WANT.
GO

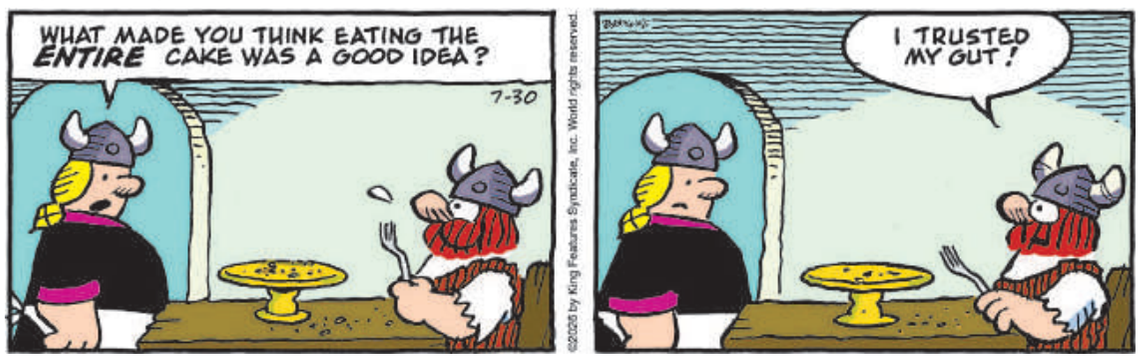
MARK TRAIL JULES RIVERA


"THE OTHER GORILLAS IN THE GLAMOR GORILLA SANCTUARY MUST BE REHOMED.
"CONDITIONS IN THE SANCTUARY WERE TOO UNSAFE AND UNSANITARY."
IT'S SAD HOW MANY GORILLAS END UP IN CAPTIVITY DUE TO BLACK MARKET TRADE.
BUT GOOD SANCTUARIES DO WHAT THEY CAN TO HELP THESE TRULY GREAT APES!

LIO MARK TATULLI

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM MIKE PETERS

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE CHRIS BROWNE



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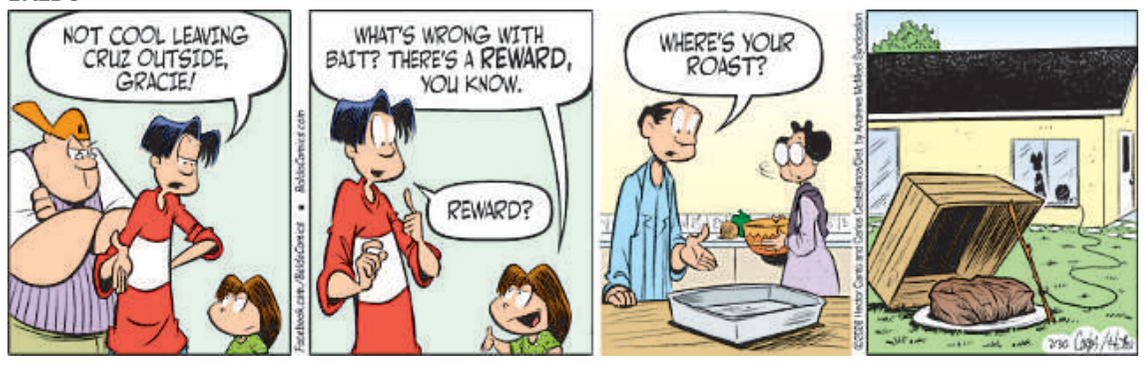


BLONDIE DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

SWEETHEART, HAVE I EVER APOLOGIZED FOR COMMENTING ON YOUR FONDNESS FOR ONLINE SHOPPING?
NOT THAT I CAN RECALL, HONEY
WELL, I AM SORRY, AND OBVIOUSLY I WAS ONLY TEASING YOU
YOUR BELATED APOLOGY IS ACCEPTED
OH, THAT REMINDS ME...DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN ORDER PERSONALIZED GOLF TEES IN YOUR SCHOOL'S COLORS?

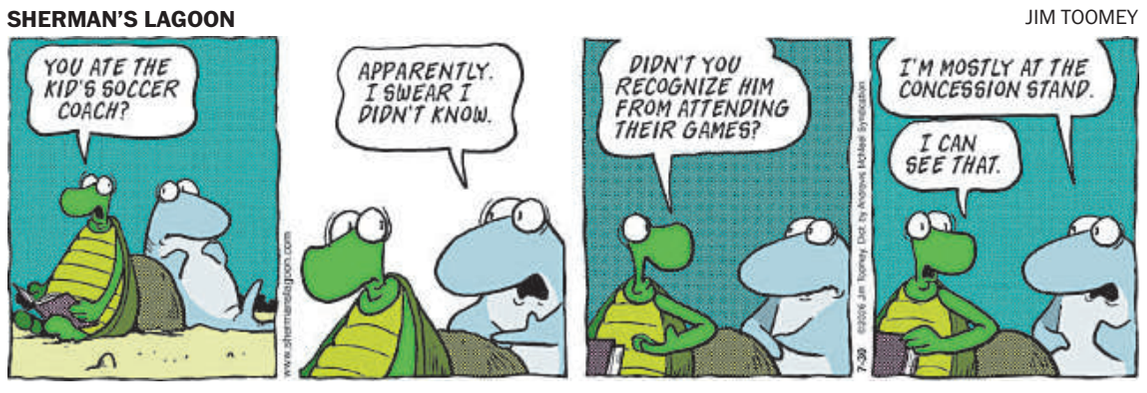
SALLY FORTH FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE

LOOK WHAT THEY HAD AT THE KIOSK- A DISPOSABLE CAMERA! EVERYONE SAY "CHEESE!"
CHEESE!
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS-WE GET TO GO TO A FOTOMAT!
LET'S JUST STICK WITH THE CURRENT ITINERARY, TED.
KEEFE

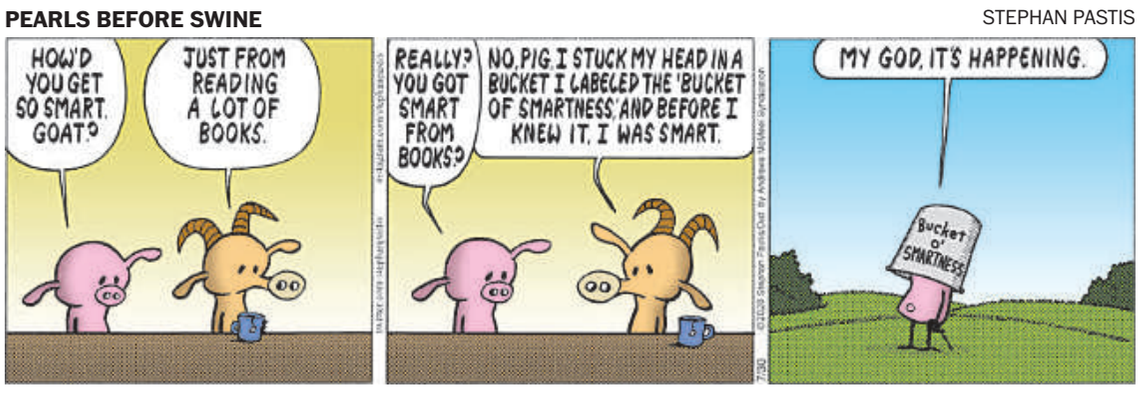
BREWSTER ROCKIT: SPACE GUY! TIM RICKARD

READING SHOULD BE FUN! BOOKS DON'T JUST TELL YOU A STORY! THEY OFTEN TEACH A LESSON!
AN AI SYNOPSIS CAN'T GIVE YOU THE ESSENCE OF "MOBY DICK"!
"HUBRIS IS BAD!"
YOU'RE RIGHT. READING IS FUN.

SHERMAN'S LAGOON JIM TOOMEY


YOU ATE THE KID'S SOCCER COACH?
APPARENTLY. I SWEAR I DIDN'T KNOW.
DIDN'T YOU RECOGNIZE HIM FROM ATTENDING THEIR GAMES?
I'M MOSTLY AT THE CONCESSION STAND.
I CAN SEE THAT.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE STEPHAN PASTIS


HOW'D YOU GET SO SMART, GOAT?
JUST FROM READING A LOT OF BOOKS.
REALLY? YOU GOT SMART FROM BOOKS?
NO, PIG. I STUCK MY HEAD IN A BUCKET I LABELED THE 'BUCKET OF SMARTNESS' AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS SMART.
MY GOD, IT'S HAPPENING.
Bucket o' SMARTNESS

CURTIS RAY BILLINGSLEY

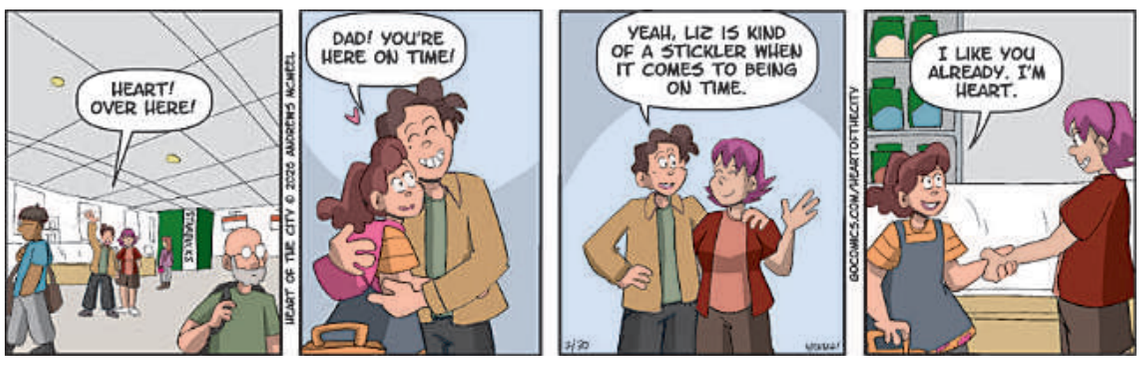
OUT OF CURIOUSITY, DAD, DO YOU HAVE A MIDDLE NAME?
YES, CURTIS, I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE - IT'S EDWARD
GREGORY EDWARD WILKINS, I LIKE IT, GREGORY EDWARD WILKINS! VERY COOL
GREGORY "EDDIE" WILKINS
EDWARD.

MUTTS PATRICK McDONNELL

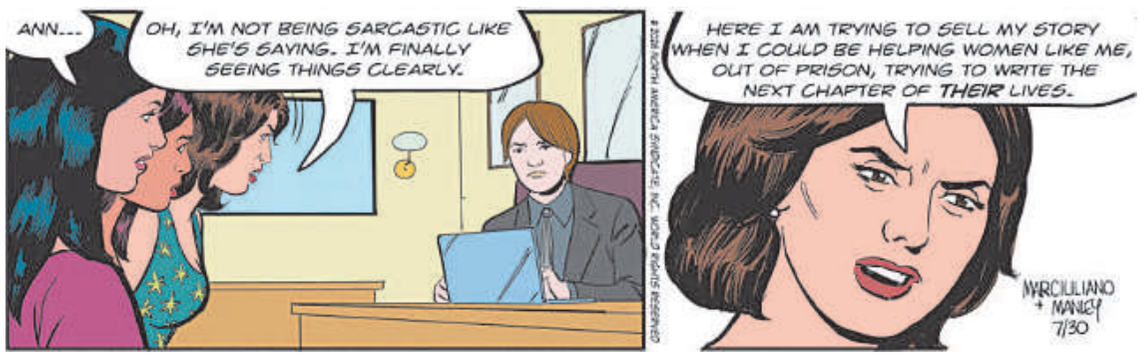
ZITS JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN

SO I STOPPED BY PIPKIN'S ON THE WAY HOME...
...AND I NOTICED THAT THEY HAVE A JOB OPENING FOR A STOCKBOY.
OH, WOW... REALLY?
APPARENTLY MY DAD IS CONSIDERING GETTING A SECOND JOB.
I ADMIRE HIS GENERATION.

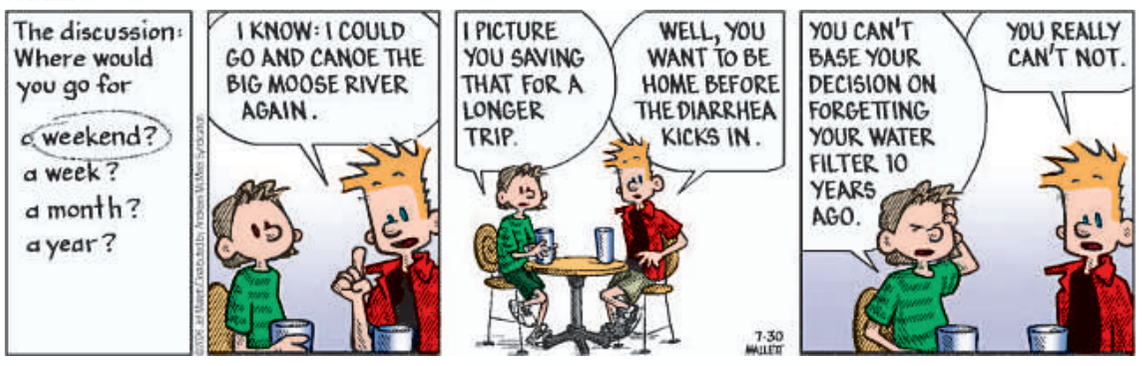
HEART OF THE CITY STEENZ


HEART! OVER HERE!
DAD! YOU'RE HERE ON TIME!
YEAH, LIZ IS KIND OF A STICKLER WHEN IT COMES TO BEING ON TIME.
I LIKE YOU ALREADY. I'M HEART.
GOCOMICS.COM/HEARTOFTHECITY

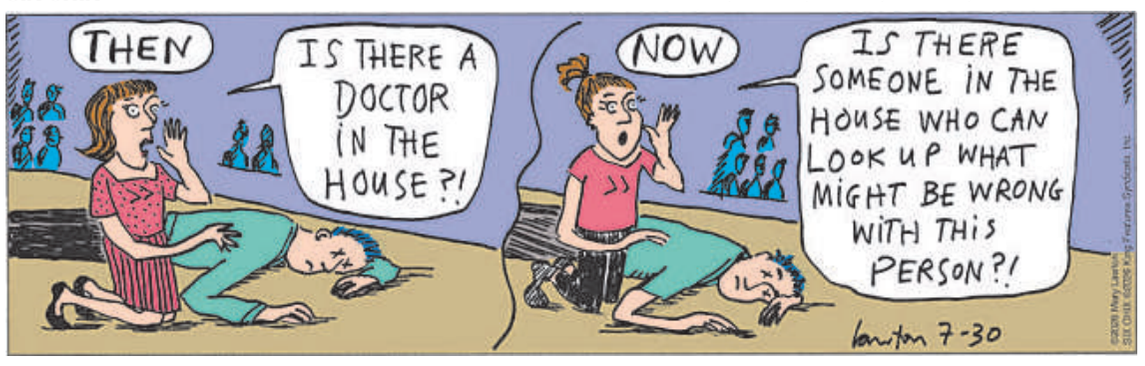
JUDGE PARKER FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & MIKE MANLEY


ANN...
OH, I'M NOT BEING SARCASTIC LIKE SHE'S SAYING. I'M FINALLY SEEING THINGS CLEARLY.
HERE I AM TRYING TO SELL MY STORY WHEN I COULD BE HELPING WOMEN LIKE ME, OUT OF PRISON, TRYING TO WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF THEIR LIVES.
MARCIULIANO + MANLEY 7/30

FRAZZ JEF MALLETT


The discussion: Where would you go for
a weekend?
a week?
a month?
a year?
I KNOW: I COULD GO AND CANOE THE BIG MOOSE RIVER AGAIN.
I PICTURE YOU SAVING THAT FOR A LONGER TRIP.
WELL, YOU WANT TO BE HOME BEFORE THE DIARRHEA KICKS IN.
YOU CAN'T BASE YOUR DECISION ON FORGETTING YOUR WATER FILTER 10 YEARS AGO.
YOU REALLY CAN'T NOT.
7-30 MALLETT

SIX CHIX BANNERMAN, XUNISE, KONAR, LAWTON, PATRINOS & PIRO


THEN
IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?!
NOW
IS THERE SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE WHO CAN LOOK UP WHAT MIGHT BE WRONG WITH THIS PERSON?!
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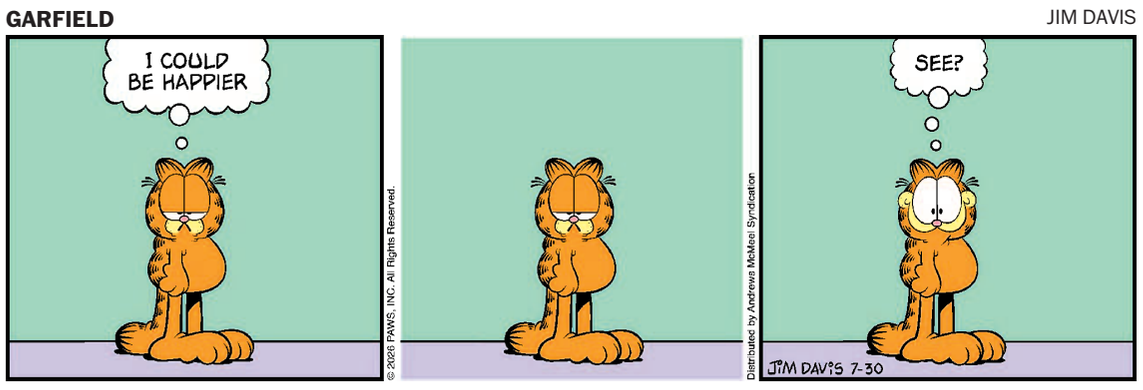
GARFIELD JIM DAVIS



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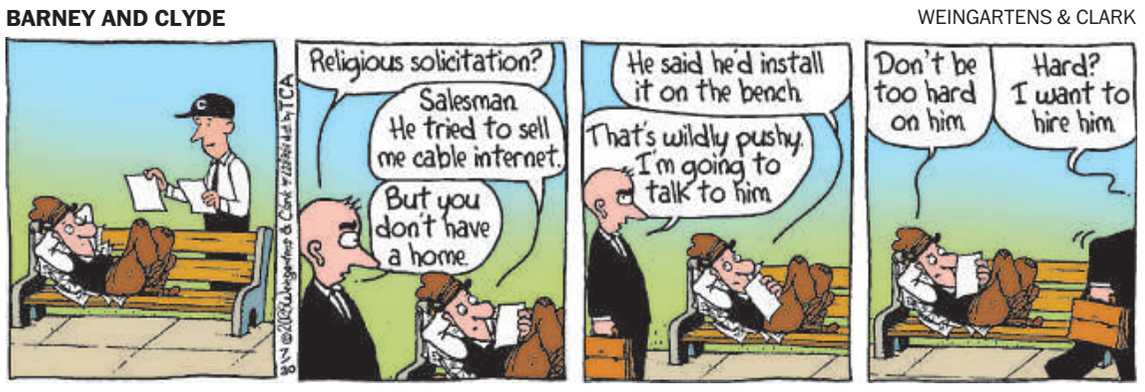
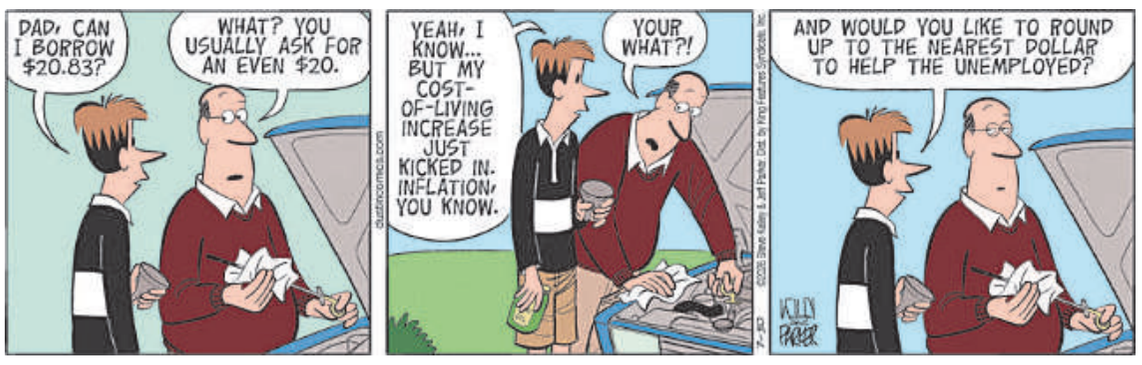

Religious solicitation?
Salesman. He tried to sell me cable internet.
But you don't have a home.
He said he'd install it on the bench.
That's wildly pushy. I'm going to talk to him.
Don't be too hard on him.
Hard? I want to hire him.

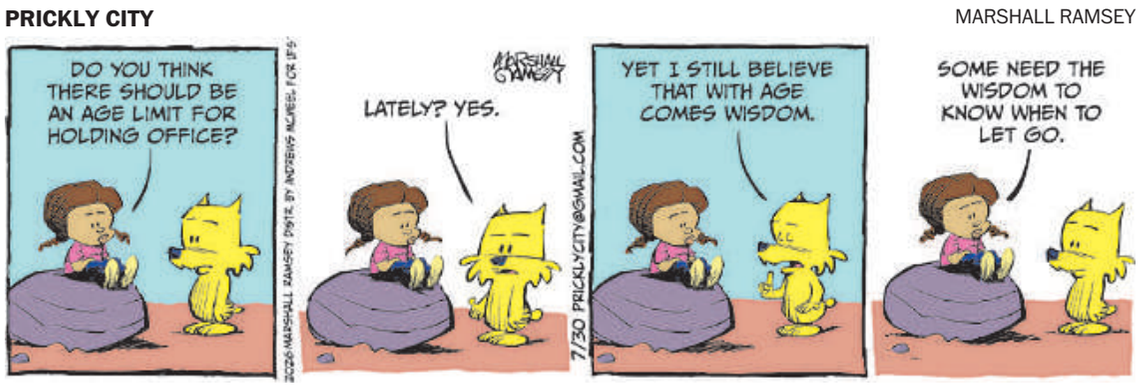
DUSTIN STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER


DAD, CAN I BORROW $20.83?
WHAT? YOU USUALLY ASK FOR AN EVEN $20.
YEAH, I KNOW... BUT MY COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE JUST KICKED IN. INFLATION, YOU KNOW.
YOUR WHAT?!
AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO ROUND UP TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR TO HELP THE UNEMPLOYED?

FLASH GORDON DAN SCHKADE

SULPHA'S CHAMBER OPENS... MING WALKS INTO THE POISON AIR, DRAGGING THE GASPING KING VULTUS BEHIND HIM...
YOU
YOU ARE BREATHING MY AIR.
HOW ARE YOU NOT DYING?
AFTER ALL YOUR CENTURIES OF LIFE, WYRM...
...IS IT REFRESHING TO ENCOUNTER SOMETHING YOU DON'T ALREADY KNOW?
OR IS IT FRIGHTENING?
I HAVE NO FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN.
ONLY OF YOU.
WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE, EMPEROR?
TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING BUSINESS.
NEXT: FIRE AND SMOKE

PRICKLY CITY MARSHALL RAMSEY


DO YOU THINK THERE SHOULD BE AN AGE LIMIT FOR HOLDING OFFICE?
LATELY? YES.
YET I STILL BELIEVE THAT WITH AGE COMES WISDOM.
SOME NEED THE WISDOM TO KNOW WHEN TO LET GO.
7/30 PRICKLYCITY@GMAIL.COM

LOOSE PARTS DAVE BLAZEK

ROGER'S COMMENT, THOUGH INNOCUOUS, CAME AT A MOST INOPPORTUNE TIME
That was a bad joke. You're so lame. You're really lame.
Blazek

NON SEQUITUR WILEY

WE'RE FROM THE LICENSING DIVISION OF NIKE CORPORATION, AND ARE PREPARED TO OFFER YOU A LUCRATIVE PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO WEAR NOTHING BUT REEBOK...
THE FRUITION OF ED'S ALL-NIKE WARDROBE...
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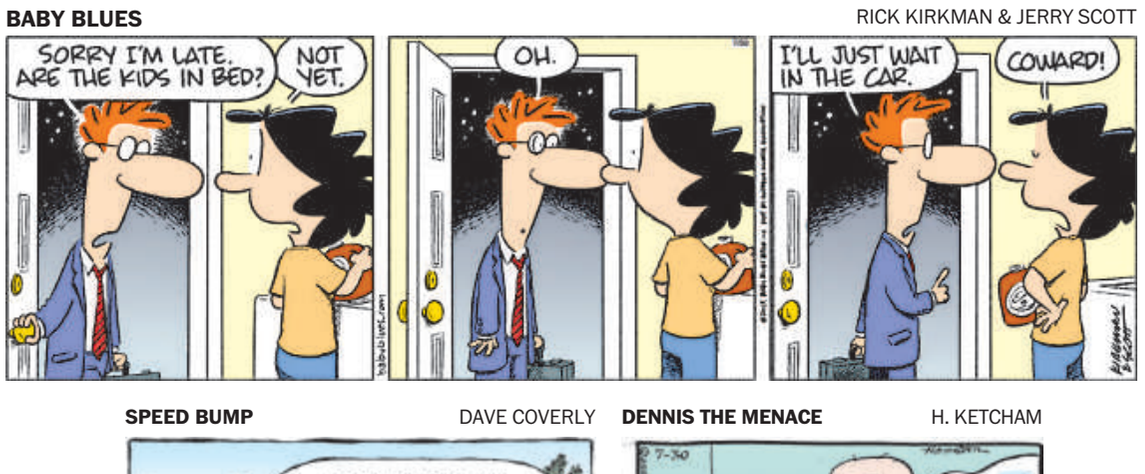
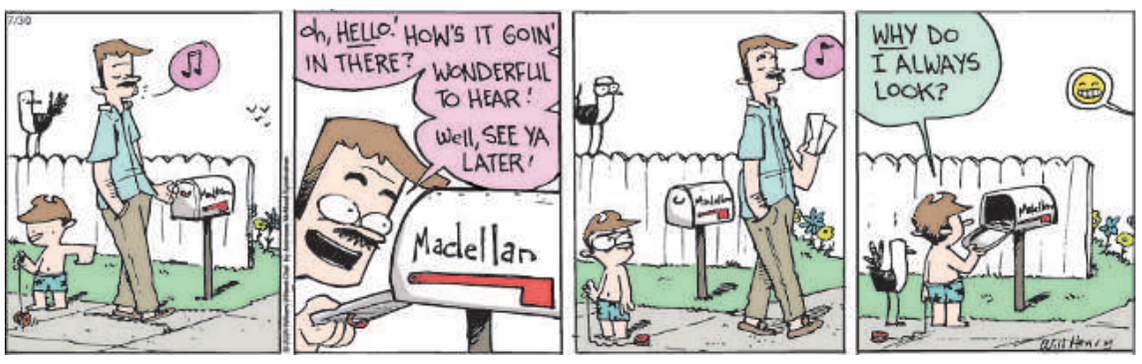


WALLACE THE BRAVE WILL HENRY



SPEED BUMP DAVE COVERLY

DENNIS THE MENACE H. KETCHAM

ON THE FASTRACK BILL HOLBROOK

YOUR POSITION IS ELIMINATED. YOU'RE BEING REPLACED BY A.I.
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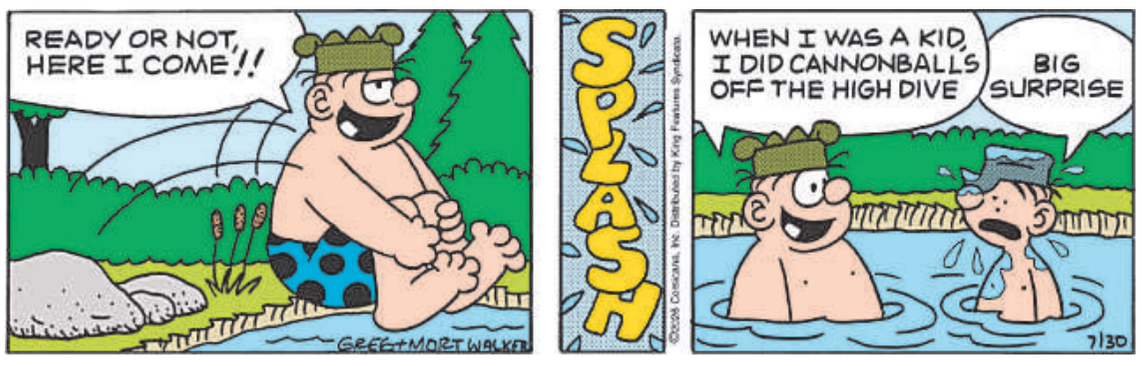

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7/30/26	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBCNe..**	♦ News4..	♦ **Surviving Earth** (SF)		♦ **The Americas**		♦ Law & Order: SVU		♦ **NEWS..**
4.2 WRC (IND)	King	King	King	King	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	George
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ The 1% Club		♦ Best Medicine		♦ **Fox 5 at 10**		♦ **Fox 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ Wheel	♦ Jeopardy!	♦ **Celebrity Fam.**		♦ **Press Your Luck**		♦ The Greatest		♦ **News**
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ Inside	♦ **ET**	♦ **Big Brother** (Live)		♦ Georgie	♦ Ghosts	♦ Georgie	♦ Ghosts	♦ **9 News**
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **Rosa**		♦ **Tan cerca**		♦ **Guardián de mi vida**		♦ **Corazón de oro**		♦ Noticias
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ Family	♦ Family	♦ **Fox 5 News**		♦ Family	♦ Family	♦ Dateline		♦ Dateline
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ JSchwa..	♦ Kitchen	♦ TURN: Washington		♦ Robert		♦ Astrid		♦ Farm
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS News Hour**		♦ Shakespea		♦ The Brokenwood Mysteries			♦ Utopia	♦ **Amanp..**
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ After Action		♦ Great Performances		♦ POV			♦ Post	♦ BBCNe..
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Friends	♦ Friends	♦ Trivial Pursuit		♦ Scrabble		♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Neighbor
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ FBI		♦ FBI		♦ FBI		♦ FBI		♦ FBI
A&E	The First 48		**The First 48**		**Accused: Guilty** (SP)		**Accused: Guilty**		Accused
AMC	(5:45) Movie: The Martian ★★★ (2015) A stranded astronaut tries to survive on Mars.				**TNA iMPACT!** (Live)				Walking Dead
Animal Planet	Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees				Pit Bulls and Parolees		
BET	(6:40) Cel..	(:50) Celebrity Family Feud			Movie: Just Wright ★★ (2010)				
Bravo	The Real Housewives of Orange County		**The Real Housewives of Orange County**			The Real Housewives of London		The Real Housewives of Orange County	
Cartoon Network	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**The Source** (Live)		**CNN News.** (Live)		**Laura**
Comedy Central	The Office	(:35) Office	(:10) Office	(:45) Office	(:20) The Office		(:55) Office	Office	**DailyShow**
Discovery	Alien Sharks: Untame		**What Shark**		**How to Train**		**Ultimate Shark Dive**		Chum
Disney	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Place	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff	Ladybug
E!	Movie	Movie: Ocean's Twelve ★★★ (2004)						Movie: Ocean's Thirt...	
ESPN	**MLB Baseball** Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves (Live)						**SportsCenter** (Live)		**SportCtr** (Live)
ESPN2	**Football**	**Men's Club Soccer Friendlies** Leeds United vs. Sunderland (Live)				SummerSlam 2026 Kickoff		Rhodes	WWE
Food Network	BeatBobby	BeatBobby	**Restaurant Im.**		**Secret Service**		**Secret Service**		Nightmar..
Fox News	**Ingraham** (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**Gutfeld!**		**Fox News**
Freeform	(5:30) Movie: T...	(:35) Movie: Coco ★★★ (2017) A boy embarks on a journey to discover his family's history.					**Project Runway**		**The 700 Club**
FX	(5:30) Movie: Ford v Ferrari ★★★ (2019)				**The Bear**		(:05) Movie: Jason Bourne ★★ (2016)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: She's Making a List (2025)		Movie: Haul Out the Holly (2022)				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
Hallmark M&M	(6:00) Movie: Aurora Teagarden Mysteries:...		Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Murder, She Wrote		Murder ...
HBO	(:10) Movie: Ocean's Eight ★★ (2018)				**The Man Will Burn**		The Man Will Burn		House Dg
HGTV	Ugliest House		Ugliest House		Roast My	House	**House**	House	House
History	Secrets Declassified		Secrets Declassified		**Secrets Declassified**		(:05) **Ancient Aliens**		(:05) Aliens
Lifetime	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		(:05) NCIS		(:05) NCIS
MASN	(6:30) **Baseball** Worcester Red Sox at Norfolk Tides					SportsWr..	Bensinger	Charlie	Sportico
Monumental	WNBA Basketball				Beyond the	nba Washington Wizards at Atlanta Hawks			
MSNBC	**The Weeknight** (Live)		**All in With Chr.** (Live)		**The Briefing** (Live)		**Last Word** (Live)		**The 11th**
MTV	Jersey Shore		**Jersey Shore**		Jersey Shore		Movie: Next Friday ★★ (2000)		
Nat'l Geographic	Lost Treasures		Lost Treasures		**Lost Treasures**		**Lost Treasures**		Lost Tre
Nickelodeon	Movie: SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Wat...				Friends	Friends	Big Bang	BigBang	BigBang
NWSN	**Vargas Report**		**Cuomo**				**Katie Pavlich**		**JesseWeb**
Paramount	(6:00) Movie: Pitch Perfect ★★★ (2012)		(:40) Movie: Pitch Perfect 2 ★★ (2015) The Barden Bellas compete at the world championships.						
Paramount+Sho	(5:50) Movie: Hacksaw Ridge (2016)		(:10) Movie: Ghost in the Shell ★★ (2017)				The Chi		Movie: Kiss the...
Syfy	Movie: Red ★★ (2010) The CIA targets a team of former agents for assassination.					Movie: Red 2 ★★ (2013) Retired operatives return to retrieve a lethal device.			
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	**Jokers**	Jokers	**Jokes**
TCM	(6:15) Movie: The Cincinnati Kid (1965)		Movie: Easy to Love ★★★ (1953)			(:45) Movie: Flipper ★★ (1963)			
TLC	Last Resort		**Last Resort**		**Little Singles**		**Jay & Pamela**		Baylen Out
TNT	(6:00) Movie: Rush Hour ★★★ (1998)		**All Elite Wrestling: Collision** (Live)				Movie: Rush Hour 2 ★★ (2001)		
Travel	Osbournes- Bel.		Osbournes- Bel.		Osbournes- Bel.		Osbournes- Bel.		Osbournes
TruTV	**Banana** Savannah Bananas vs. Firefighters				Dunkman		Movie: Victory ★★ (1981)		
TV Land	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:20) Raymond		Raymond	Raymond	King
TV One	CosbySh..	CosbySh..	Uncensored		Different	Different	Different	Different	Different
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		Movie: Cast Away ★★★ (2000)						Movie
VH1	My Wife	My Wife	Movie: Boomerang ★★ (1992)						Movie
WNC8	Bathroom Makeover		7News at..	Inogen!	**SportsTalk**	**WorldNe..**	**WJLANe..**	Never	**National**

LEGEND: **Bold** indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition
Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

		4		9	8	5		2
5			7			1		
				2	5		7	
2			5	1				8
				6				
1				7	9			6
	3		9	5				
		5			7			9
9		6	2	3		8		

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

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PREVIOUS SUDOKU SOLUTION

6	7	2	3	5	8	9	1	4
9	4	5	7	2	1	8	3	6
1	3	8	9	6	4	5	7	2
2	8	9	1	3	6	7	4	5
5	1	3	8	4	7	6	2	9
7	6	4	2	9	5	3	8	1
3	5	7	4	1	9	2	6	8
4	2	6	5	8	3	1	9	7
8	9	1	6	7	2	4	5	3

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							RACK 1
A1	A1	O1	U1	T1	T1	M3	
							RACK 2
A1	O1	C3	L1	T1	B3	K5	Double Word Score
							RACK 3
A1	I1	O1	N1	B3	M3	B3	3rd Letter Triple
							RACK 4
A1	A1	E1	E1	L1	V4	C3	

PAR SCORE 150-160 **BEST SCORE 219**

FOUR RACK TOTAL **TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN**

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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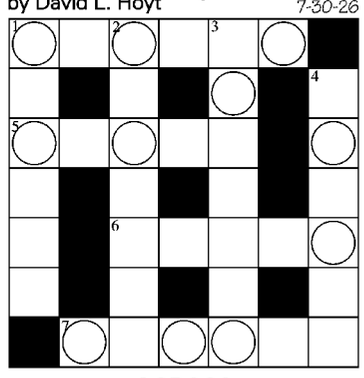
PREVIOUS SCRABBLEGRAMS SOLUTION

B3	A1	L1	L1	B3	O1	Y4	RACK 1 = 92
D2	E1	C3	E1	I1	T1		RACK 2 = 9
P3	E1	R1	S1	O1	N1	A1	RACK 3 = 59
A1	V4	I1	A1	T1	O1	R1	RACK 4 = 68

PAR SCORE 145-155 TOTAL 228

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt 7-30-26



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Spirited	VLYEIL
5. River mouth area	LADTE
6. Embarrass	HASAB
7. Bear witness	STTAET

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Scaling device	DRADEL
2. Heroic	NVITLAA
3. Unwanted loss	KELAEAG
4. Mark of prestige	EHCTCA

CLUE: ____ ____ National Park is the largest national park in the contiguous United States.

BONUS

How to play Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

ANSWERS: 1A-Lively 5A-Delta 6A-Abash 7A-Attest 1D-Ladder 2D-Valiant 3D-Leakage 4D-Cachet 5D-Death Valley

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HOROSCOPE

BIRTHDAY | JULY 30: You are grounded, practical and motivated. You're also logical and value tangible progress. This is a slower paced year. It's OK to rest. Take time to rejuvenate your energy. Focus on friends who are kind, helpful and have your back. Concentrate on your needs and what brings you happiness.

Moon Alert: Avoid shopping (except for food and gas) and important decisions after 5 p.m. today. The Moon is in Aquarius.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
You'll enjoy hanging out with friends and interacting with clubs and organizations today. You might initiate something or spur others into a game of sports or some kind of competitive or physical activity. This is a playful time for you. Enjoy the company of others.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
You're high-viz today, and it's a good thing, because people see you as proactive and ready to initiate something. This could relate to home and family, or it might be about social outings. Both of these areas are blessed for you today.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
Travel and a chance to do something to expand your world will appeal to you today. Be a tourist in your own city. Talk to people from other backgrounds. Learn something new. You've got lots of energy and drive today, which is why you are seeking adventure!

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
On the whole, this is a favorable financial day for you. Nevertheless, something might occur behind the scenes that relates to shared property or someone else's wealth. Be aware of this. It's also a lovely day for you to schmooze with others.

LEO
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Your enthusiasm might inspire others to take action today. They also might join you or join a club at your recommendation. You have influence over others today. Competitive sports and physical activities, especially with teams, will be a fun choice.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
You can get a lot done today because you're motivated to do so. Others can see that you're ready for action. Fortunately, you'll also be charming and diplomatic in how you want to go about achieving your goals. Spending time with younger people is likely today.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
This is a lovely day to socialize! Accept invitations to party. The arts, movies, the theater and sports will appeal. This is also a great day for fun activities with children. If you're attracted to someone romantically, you might make the first move.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Family discussions will be lively and dynamic today, which is fine for you, because you make such a great impression on others at this time. You might be successful in persuading someone to give their help, resources or money to your home and family.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
This is a wonderful day for those of you in sales, marketing, teaching, acting and writing. You will be persuasive and convincing. You're enthusiastic about life today and ready to share your ideas. You also want to learn something new and exciting.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Finances have your attention today. You might be interested in shopping or spending money. If so, be aware of the restrictions of the Moon Alert. You also might have some excellent moneymaking ideas. Enjoy the company of someone "different" today. Learn something new.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today the Moon is in your sign dancing with fiery Mars, which makes you confident! You might assume the role of leader, especially if you want to start something new or initiate some kind of action. It's good to know that funding and helpful resources from others will be available.

PISCES
(Feb. 19-March 20)
If you set your mind to it, you can accomplish much today because you're motivated. You have a lot of inner drive to make some changes, perhaps improvements at home. Meanwhile, playful, romantic discussions might take place because Venus opposite your sign promotes all relationships in a cozy way. Hugs!

— Georgia Nicols

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BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH (D)
♠ Q 3
♥ 10 7 6
♦ A K J 8
♣ K Q 9 6

WEST
♠ A 7 4
♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ Q 5
♣ A J 5 2

EAST
♠ 6 5 2
♥ K J 5 4
♦ 10 9 6 2
♣ 8 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 10 9 8
♥ A 8
♦ 7 4 3
♣ 10 7 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♣(!)	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	All Pass

Opening lead — ♥ 2

"So you think Minnie's glasses account for her remarkable plays?" Cy the Cynic asked me.

Minnie Bottoms wears old bifocals that make her mix up kings and jacks, often to her opponents' dismay.

"She's an expert disguised as a little old lady," Cy fumed. "Ever seen a 'discovery play' on defense?"

Cy had played at four spades. Minnie, West, led a heart: six, jack, ace. Cy led a trump to the queen and back to his king. Minnie took the ace.

"The defense needed two more tricks besides the ace of clubs," Cy said: "two hearts, or one heart and a club ruff. Minnie led the jack of clubs! I won in dummy, and Minnie next led her ace!"

"She thought she had the A-K," I laughed.

"We set her straight," the Cynic said, "but East had signaled with the eight of clubs. I was stuck in dummy. When I led a heart, East won and led a club, and Minnie won and gave East a ruff."

Minnie's play let her see how to proceed. If East signaled low on the first club, Minnie would try for two heart tricks.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ A 7 4 ♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ Q 5 ♣ A J 5 2

Your partner opens one spade, you respond two clubs and he bids two diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: If you use "Standard" methods and have judged to force to game, jump to three spades. A bid of two spades would be invitational. In a game-forcing 2/1 style, you can afford to bid two spades, forcing. Each style has advantages and drawbacks, but you and your partner must be playing the same style.

— Frank Stewart

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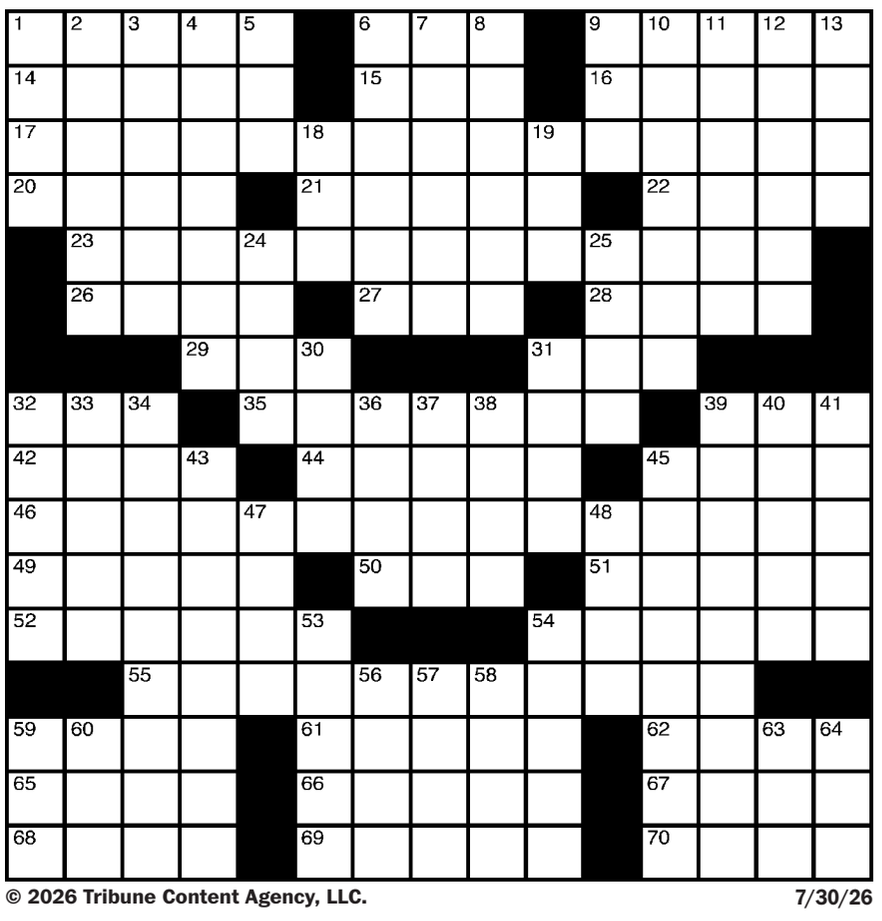
LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Jeffrey Wechsler



ACROSS
1 Thompson of "Creed"
6 One crunch, e.g.
9 Accord, for one
14 Dined on, quaintly
15 Big bird
16 Año Nuevo month
17 Car named for a California beach city
20 South American monkey
21 In and of itself
22 Toolbar image
23 Carefully considering something
26 Alien-seeking field: Abbr.
27 Pin number?
28 Loch with a legend
29 Mach 1 breaker
31 Author Rand
32 Catch a few winks
35 Cereal-based snack
39 With 59-Down, "Tommy" band
42 Land measure
44 Strong suit?
45 Due, as an apology
46 Home of the Frontier Days rodeo
49 "__ hoping!"
50 Nav. rank
51 __-nez
52 West Texas city
54 Having raised surfaces, as teeth
55 California restaurant opened by Alice Waters in 1971
59 "Hold your horses!"
61 Yank at
62 Pet food brand
65 Like some cheese
66 Revise, as prose
67 Gumbo vegetable
68 Shoppe adjective
69 "Mighty" batter who strikes out in a classic poem
70 Tiny amt. of time

DOWN
1 Social finesse
2 Standards of right and wrong
3 Stew
4 Sputnik launchers
5 Chad's continent: Abbr.
6 Cave
7 Come to light
8 Antes up
9 Zooplankton habitat
10 Jazz up
11 Frees of frost
12 Leafy retreats
13 Gin or tonic
18 Nail polish brand
19 Came together
24 Cheesehead's st.
25 Semiprecious stone with black-and-white bands
30 Holier-__-thou
31 Well-ventilated
32 __ cheese
33 Was sore
34 Prepare for later broadcast
36 Coastal raptor
37 Marvel Comics mutants
38 Does lawn work
39 Cult classic of 1990s TV
40 Therefore
41 "O, turn thy __ sword another way; / Strike those that hurt, and hurt not those that help": "Henry VI, Part 1"
43 Sun visor
45 Sin of __
47 To be, in Latin
48 Cataloged work
53 Pyramid builders of Mexico
54 Supermodel Crawford
56 Big cat
57 Seemingly forever
58 Zip
59 See 39-Across
60 Shakespearean prince
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World Cup investor plan gets deadline

FIFA head says member federations have until Sept. 19 to accept offers

BY GRAHAM DUNBAR
Associated Press

GENEVA — FIFA President Gianni Infantino set a Sept. 19 deadline Wednesday for the 211 member federations to accept one-off $20 million offers as part of a project to sell stakes in the World Cup to private investors.

The $20 billion FIFA subsidiary was blasted by international soccer organizations. European soccer body UEFA aims to call its 55 member federations to an emergency online meeting, likely on Thursday. The organization said "there is significant and growing opposition to FIFA's scheme."

The effort is being bankrolled by Joshua Kushner, the brother of Jared Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law.

The effort marks Infantino's latest effort to align with those in the orbit of Trump: by creating the FIFA peace prize, letting Trump intervene in a process that led to United States forward Folarin Balogun playing at the World Cup, and now trying to lock in Joshua Kushner's investment firm to a 12-year ownership deal with the Switzerland-based nonprofit soccer body.

Infantino set out the "singular and unique funding opportunity" in a letter detailing why he wants to create the $20 billion FIFA subsidiary — 20 percent owned by private investors — that would run the soccer body's competitions and events like World Cups and Club World Cups.

"It is my duty and responsibility as FIFA president to present such game-changing opportunities to you, our members," Infantino wrote in the letter seen by the Associated Press.

The effort elevates the status of Joshua Kushner, who is long been connected financially to his brother Jared.

When Joshua Kushner founded a venture capital firm rather than follow into the family's real estate business, his elder brother was an early investor and a board member.

The brothers are reportedly close, and their father, Charles Kushner, received a pardon from Trump and now serves as the U.S. ambassador to France.

But the younger Kushner has a history of six-figure donations to Democrats and his wife, the model and entrepreneur Karlie Kloss, attended last month's opening of the Obama presidential library and told Bloomberg earlier this year she has never met Donald Trump.

The proposal revealed Tuesday and backed by Joshua Kushner's investment firm Thrive Capital was met with immediate

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Running backs Jacory Croskey-Merritt, left, and Jeremy McNichols participate in a training camp drill Wednesday in Ashburn.

Commanders hit the ground running

BY TASHAN REED

Washington adopts an increased intensity as players and coaches take field on first day of training camp

In the wake of a disastrous 2025 season, Washington Commanders Coach Dan Quinn knew the franchise was in need of wholesale change. This offseason, that manifested itself in new faces throughout the coaching staff and roster.

As training camp got underway Wednesday in Ashburn, so did the next step of Quinn's vision: Having more intense, focused and purposeful practices. That's something several returning players wanted to see, and Quinn came to agree.

"If the practices are right, the victories follow because your intention is right, your details are right, the discipline's right," Quinn said. "… That's why I'm just hammering that over and over and over."

Last season, Utah Jazz Coach Will Hardy and guard Keyonte George visited the Commanders. George was in the midst of a breakout third season in the NBA, which prompted a question about why he believed he had made such a jump. He said it was getting in "crazy shape," which left a lasting impression with Quinn. He brought it up during organized team activities this offseason and tasked the players with that assignment going into training camp.

"It was proof," Quinn said. "That was my message: To say, 'In these five weeks, there's another level that we all can get to.'"

The Commanders aren't allowed to use pads yet because of NFL rules, but that didn't stop them from practicing with an edge during team drills Wednesday. It set a tone that they hope carries forward.

"It was competitive," quarterback Jayden Daniels said. "[We just wanted to] get the juices flow-

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Bullpen craters as Nats tumble

BLUE JAYS 5, NATIONALS 2

Series loss is Nats' first since the all-star break

BY NOAH WHITE

Stop me if you've heard this before: The Washington Nationals took an early lead behind the bat of one of their young stars. This time, it was CJ Abrams who crossed the plate in the fourth. Their starter logged a handful of inspiring innings. This time, it was Zack Littell who made it 4⅔ innings without giving up a run.

After such inspiration, a slew of relievers rattled along, each competing with the next to see who could throw fewer pitches before Washington's pitching coach Simon Matthews joined them on the mound.

This time, it was in a 5-2 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays at Nationals Park on Wednesday in which Washington (55-54) allowed 12 hits while failing to spark much offense after Abrams scored. The result: the Nationals' first series loss since the all-star break, with two losses in three games against Toronto (50-59) as the postseason race nears.

"We had some tough luck," Nationals Manager Blake Butera said. While this one wasn't nearly as brutal as the late-inning collapses that marred the few weeks before the break, his message is growing in usage. "We were just out of reach on a couple big plays."

Nationals right-hander Max Kranick let in the first run, but Patrick Schultz was the primary offender. After making his first appearance since June in the first game of this week's series, delivering one scoreless inning, he took the mound Wednesday and in fewer than 10 minutes, Blue Jays third baseman Kazuma Okamoto doubled on a ball missed by Jacob Young, scoring two.

When all was said and done — which is to say, after two outs — Schultz had allowed four hits and three runs in the top of the eighth before he was ushered away. To his credit, the Blue Jays peppered Washington with somewhat low-percentage dinks between the infield and outfield all day.

"It's just bad luck," Washington's James Wood said. "I felt like pitchers were doing a good job being the lead contact, but sometimes that's just how it goes."

Five relievers ended up taking the mound, adding another chapter to the concern that has defined Washington's season: its bullpen. With the trade deadline Monday, rumors have reached the cyclone point. Most circulate

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Nationals at Braves
7:15 p.m., ESPN

Between points exists the game within

Tennis rallies are separated by 25 seconds. What do players do with the time?

BY NOAH WHITE

Emma Navarro looked toward the blue sky, fully prepared to use all 25 seconds before her next serve, after falling behind in the second set of her opening match Monday at the DC Open.

After her moment of Zen concluded, she turned and paced toward the south wall of the Rock Creek Tennis Center's stadium. With 15 seconds left, the women's world No. 26 traced back and placed her foot along the baseline. Then, a heavy breath, her eyes closed. And before her toss, a mental note.

See the ball on contact.

More so than almost any other professional sport, tennis is a game of intricacy and boredom. Play occurs for only roughly 20 minutes of a two-hour match. The 25 seconds between each moments-long point are spent in a mental world of consistency. Every breath appears weighed, each step follows a mapped route. No muscle shifts without a calculus of its impact.

"We can kind of be psychos," Navarro said. "But you want to make sure you're as present as possible."

How does one achieve that?

"Who honestly knows?"

What tennis players think about in the 25 seconds between the end of one rally and the echoing slap that commences the next ranges dramatically. The goal for each is the same: an ever-elusive feeling of sheer rhythm, unmitigated by the break in play. The path to achieving such a feeling, though, can bring some to obscure places.

For a star like Taylor Fritz, the men's world No. 10, these moments are spent shrugging off the weight of the crowd. When he turns from facing the net to walk toward his baseline, more eyes in the nearest square mile are trained on him than any other coordinate. The DC Open only amplifies that feeling, as every player walks through the general public to and from their matches, though you grow accustomed to walking among the lights and cameras and whatnot, Fritz said. But you can feel it.

"So I try to breathe," he continued. "It's a moment for me to settle down, calm myself, focus on what I have to do next."

He deploys breathing exercises, which have become favorites among tennis and golf athletes who spend more time thinking about what they'll do than actually doing it. Navarro also said she has partaken in the exercises. Her issue: "You spend more time thinking about the breathing than the actual play."

Whew. Here lies the central vortex that wraps up tennis players tighter than the stringing on their rackets.

In short: If the sole objective is

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"You just need to be able to move on," Ben Shelton said on his approach to between-rally down time.

THE DAY IN SPORTS

COLLEGES

Mississippi sues pair of football transfers

The University of Mississippi is suing two former football players who transferred to LSU, alleging they failed to compensate the school for their departure as required by revenue-sharing agreements they had signed in early January.

The lawsuits were filed against edge rusher **Princewill Umanmielen** and offensive lineman **Devin Harper**. Mississippi seeks $550,000 from Umanmielen and $400,000 from Harper, according to the lawsuits filed Monday in Lafayette County Circuit Court in Oxford, Mississippi.

The lawsuit stems in part from former Rebels coach **Lane Kiffin**'s high-profile departure for LSU late last season. LSU declined to comment Wednesday.

In a statement released to reporters, Mississippi said it "values its student-athletes and is committed to honoring all obligations made to them.

"In return, the university expects that same commitment from its student-athletes and their representatives in upholding their contracts," the school said.

Mississippi said revenue-sharing agreements signed by both players included a provision requiring them to compensate the university with a predetermined amount if they departed before fulfilling their commitment.

"The University of Mississippi has a responsibility to enforce its contractual terms, and this position is consistent with the actions of other institutions in the current landscape of college athletics," the statement said. "The university attempted to amicably resolve this matter prior to filing."

Kiffin left following its regular season finale against Mississippi State in late November. Kiffin initially asked to continue coaching the Rebels in the College Football Playoff after he had accepted the position at LSU, but the school declined and appointed then-defensive coordinator **Pete Golding** as Kiffin's replacement. Golding coached the Rebels to the national semifinals.

Umanmielen had nine sacks and 13 tackles for loss as a junior last season for the Rebels. Harper was a freshman reserve in 2025. …

Preseason league favorite Miami claimed a third of the spots on the ACC's preseason all-conference team, including transfer quarterback **Darian Mensah** as the preseason pick for player of the year, one day after the Hurricanes were picked to win the ACC title after last year's run to the College Football Playoff title game.

Mensah claimed 97 of 188 votes to outdistance SMU quarterback **Kevin Jennings** (25), Louisville running back **Isaac Brown** (16) and North Carolina State quarterback **CJ Bailey** (15).

Miami claimed nine of the 27 spots on the all-ACC team. Clemson and Virginia each had four selections. …

Tennessee senior linebacker **Arion Carter** will miss the first two games of the season because of an NCAA suspension tied to an agent paying for a $427 flight to an NFL training facility during the predraft process.

The Knoxville News Sentinel first reported the suspension, with the length confirmed by the school to the Associated Press. In a statement, Coach **Josh Heupel** said the Volunteers "disagree" with the suspension, noting Carter repaid the agent for the cost of the flight.

The suspension will sideline the two-year starter for the Sept. 5 opener against Furman at home and the Sept. 12 trip to Georgia Tech. …

Kentucky promoted **Pete Nochta** to general manager of the Wildcats' football team Wednesday, a day after **Pat Biondo** announced his departure only months after being hired.

BASKETBALL

Fever players quiet on pro-Cunningham rally

Sophie Cunningham and **Caitlin Clark** were not made available to answer postgame questions about a rally before the Indiana Fever's 105-95 win over the Seattle Storm on Tuesday night in support of Cunningham's recent comments about transgender athletes.

A crowd of a few dozen gathered outside Climate Pledge Arena to both support Cunningham and promote statewide initiatives IL26-638, which would bar transgender students from participating in girls' athletics at Washington schools, and IL26-001, which would expand the state's "Parents' Bill of Rights."

Cunningham voiced support for barring transgender girls and women from girls' and women's sports in an ESPN article published last week.

Cunningham was booed by Storm fans when she checked into Tuesday's game, as well as when attempting her first free throws of the night.

Media members asked to speak to Cunningham and Clark postgame, but neither player was made available.

Meanwhile, the Storm apologized for an exchange that took place between one of its co-owners and two fans during the game.

The Storm didn't elaborate on the nature of the incident and didn't say which co-owner was involved. …

Ilisha Gray scored five of her 25 points in the closing seconds and the Atlanta Dream overcame a 15-point deficit to beat the Dallas Wings, 82-81, in Arlington, Texas.

Angel Resse had 22 points and 12 rebounds for her 18th double-double of the season for the Dream (17-10).

Arike Ogunbowale led Dallas (18-10) with 24 points.

HOCKEY

Celebrini is top-paid NHL player after deal

San Jose Sharks superstar **Macklin Celebrini** signed a five-year, $94 million extension Wednesday that makes him the highest-paid player in the NHL.

Celebrini had one year remaining on his three-year, $2.925 million entry-level contract before signing the deal that keeps him with the Sharks through the 2031-32 season.

The $18.8 million average annual value of the deal that Celebrini reached with General Manager **Mike Grier** and owner **Hasso Plattner** is the richest in NHL history, topping the $18 million a year **Leo Carlsson** got when Anaheim matched a five-year offer sheet from Philadelphia.

"We wanted to make sure Mack felt valued here and he was compensated fairly," Grier said. "In our eyes, he's the best young player in the league. So we felt like we wanted to pay him an amount that was commiserate with that. He was willing to take a little bit less to leave us some flexibility, so we can keep building out the roster as we go along."

Celebrini, who turned 20 in June, has established himself as one of the game's top young stars since being picked first overall by San Jose in 2024.

His 178 points are the fifth most for a teenager and his 70 career goals are seventh best for a player before turning 20.

Celebrini had 45 goals and 70 assists last season for a franchise record 115 points.

SOCCER

Son scores brace to lift MLS all-stars to win

Son Heung-min scored two goals in a three-minute span in the first half off assists from Carles Gil to propel the MLS all-stars past the LIGA MX all-stars, 4-3, in Charlotte.

The Chicago Fire's **Philip Zinckernagel** and FC Cincinnati's **Evander da Silva** Ferreira also scored for the MLS all-stars in front of 35,197 at Bank of America Stadium.

Luis Gabriel Rey sent a running header off a free kick past **Matt Freese**, the U.S. men's national team goalkeeper, 10 minutes into the game to give Liga MX a 1-0 lead.

Then Son took over.

The LAFC forward fielded a pass from Gil on the left side of the pitch, settled the ball and slid a well-placed shot past a diving **Carlos Acevedo** to even the score at the 20-minute mark. Son gave MLS the lead for good just moments later when Gil hustled to stop the ball from going out of play and fired a pass back in front of the goal. Son buried the shot in the back of the net.

Zinckernagel made it 3-1 MLS in the 42nd minute when he scored off a rebound.

Liga MX got to within 3-2 early in the second half on a goal by **Salomon Rondon**, before Ferreira's goal in the 58th minute gave MLS some cushion. **Jose Pardela** added a late goal in extra time for LIGA MX. …

Roberto Mancini issued an apology in his first public comments after being rehired to coach an Italy squad in crisis three years after he abandoned the same job for a lucrative contract with Saudi Arabia.

"I'm very sorry," Mancini said. "It was like losing the woman of your life. And it means you did something that shouldn't have been done. So I'm sorry, very sorry also for everything that happened over these last three years. … I'm going to try to bring the national team back where it belongs."

Mancini's first match back in charge will be against Belgium in the Nations League on Sept. 25 at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome. …

FIFA lodged disciplinary charges against two Argentina players for striking Spain opponents moments after the World Cup final and charged Argentina's soccer federation for players showing a political banner about the Falkland Islands after beating England in the semifinals.

Argentina midfielder **Leandro Paredes** faces three charges of assault in the postgame clashes after Spain's 1-0 win on July 19, defender **Nahuel Molina** faces two charges and Coach **Roberto Ayala** one.

GOLF

Mullinax suspended for banned substance

Trey Mullinax received a six-month suspension for violating the PGA Tour's anti-doping policy after testing positive for a substance banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency. Mullinax said in a statement that he used a medication to treat a condition he was diagnosed with while in college without seeking approval under the policy.

AUTO RACING

F1 season could end in Europe if war goes on

Formula 1 president **Stefano Domenicali** says the current world championship could end in Europe if the war in the Middle East affects races planned in Qatar and Abu Dhabi at the conclusion of the season.

Domenicali said a decision won't be made before mid-September. He did not say where the final races planned in November and December would be held if those in Qatar and Abu Dhabi are canceled.

Formula 1 already called off races in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia because of safety concerns related to the Iran war. The Bahrain Grand Prix was rescheduled in Malaysia for Oct. 4.

— From news services

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The Son also rises

Los Angeles FC forward Son Heung-min, right, netted two goals to lead the MLS all-star team past the LIGA MX all-stars, 4-3.

SPOTLIGHT: MLS

After World Cup, league readies for changes

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

When the World Cup first came to the United States in 1994, it spurred the creation of Major League Soccer. Now, in the wake of this summer's tournament, big changes are afoot for the league.

After this season, MLS will begin transitioning to a summer-to-spring calendar, bringing the league in line with most of its international counterparts. There's also talk of adjusting roster rules and the salary cap to make the league more competitive on the global stage.

And, MLS is preparing for the departure of Commissioner Don Garber, who has overseen the league over a period of tremendous growth since taking on the job in 1999.

There have already been signs MLS is seeing the so-called World Cup bump, with MLS ticket sales up 58 percent in the 40 days during and after the World Cup compared to the same period before the tournament, according to the league. The recent addition of international stars such as Robert Lewandowski, who joined the Chicago Fire, and Antoine Griezmann, now with Orlando City, has provided an additional boost.

"When I look at the World Cup, I look at it as an eight-year journey that delivered everything we could have imagined during the actual tournament, and now, as you know, it's our job to take it from here and continue as much of that momentum as possible, so that our teams have more fans, we have players that continue to pick MLS as a league of choice. We're developing more skilled players in our MLS Next program, and in our MLS academies, and on and on," Garber said in an interview with the Associated Press ahead of the MLS All-Star Game on Wednesday night.

In a way, this is something of a full-circle moment for Garber, who attended his first soccer match during the 1994 World Cup. This time, he attended 15 matches over the course of the tournament.

Naturally, he touts the league's successes during the tournament. Forty-five MLS players were on national team rosters for the tournament, while 43 players in the tournament were developed in the league's academies. Inter Miami's Lionel Messi, one of the best players in the world, led Argentina to the final.

"The real measure is going to be what does MLS look like five and 10 years from now?" Garber said. "Will our league be more popular? Will we have more cultural engagement? Will our teams be more valuable? Will we have more media covering us and paying attention to us? And are we as a league viewed competitively, on the field, better or higher than we are today? Those measures are going to take some time to deliver."

While youth soccer and talent development were under the microscope following the U.S.'s World Cup exit, the growth of the league's academy system and MLS Next are a point of pride for Garber.

The league's 30 teams all have academies. Players who have emerged from the development system include U.S. national team striker Ricardo Pepi, who plays for Dutch club Eredivisie, fellow American Tyler Adams, who plays for Bournemouth in the Premier League, and Canadian Alphonso Davies, who is with Bayern Munich.

Recently, Chelsea reached an agreement with FC Dallas academy standout Benji Flowers, and before that, Manchester City came to terms with Cavan Sullivan out of the Philadelphia Union's academy system. What is unique about both players is the Premier League clubs entrusted their development to the MLS clubs.

Following the conclusion of the current season, MLS will play a shortened 14-game season in early 2027 before the league switches to its new calendar.

The full 2027-28 season will kick off in July, with the playoffs and league championship to be played in May 2028.

Garber said he didn't feel promotion and relegation would be on the table anytime soon, but he looks forward "to having our transfer windows align with the rest of the world, having playoffs that are taking place in a less-crowded calendar, at least for us, not having to have our most important games during FIFA breaks and just playing the game the way it's played in 200-plus countries."

Garber said he plans to stay involved with the league through his contract, which runs though 2027. "The next commissioner, I hope and expect, is going to believe in the future opportunity for our league and our clubs, and what role we can play domestically and internationally to grow the game and be responsible stewards for the game, and drive value for every stakeholder, every group that cares about their local club," Garber said.

— Associated Press

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

2 p.m.	**New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox** » MLB Network
7:15 p.m.	**Washington at Atlanta** » ESPN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
10 p.m.	**Seattle at Los Angeles Dodgers** » MLB Network

WNBA

8 p.m.	**Minnesota at Toronto** » Prime Video
10 p.m.	**New York at Las Vegas** » Prime Video

GOLF

8 a.m.	**Women's British Open, first round** » USA Network
3 p.m.	**PGA Tour: Rocket Classic, first round** » Golf Channel
6 p.m.	**Korn Ferry Tour: Utah Championship, first round** » Golf Channel
4 a.m. (Friday)	**Women's British Open, second round** » Golf Channel

SOCCER

6 p.m.	**Copa Sudamericana knockout playoffs, second leg: Bolívar at Grêmio** » BeIN Sports
7:30 p.m.	**Men's friendly: Leeds vs. Sunderland** » ESPN2
8:30 p.m.	**Copa Sudamericana knockout playoffs, second leg: Boca Juniors at O'Higgins** » BeIN Sports
9 p.m.	**Concacaf u-20 Championship, group stage: Guatemala vs. Mexico** » Fox Sports 2

TENNIS

11 a.m.	**ATP/WTA: DC Open, early rounds** » Tennis Channel
10 p.m.	**ATP: Mifel Tennis Open, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6:30 p.m.	**International League: Worcester at Norfolk** » MASN

BASKETBALL

7 p.m.	**The Basketball Tournament, Las Vegas final: The Mecca vs. Davis Steel** » Fox Sports 1

HOCKEY

6 p.m.	**Shoulder Check Showcase** » NHL Network

BASEBALL

7 p.m.	**Banana Ball: Savannah Bananas vs. Firefighters** » TruTV

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"If the practices are right, the victories follow," said Commanders Coach Dan Quinn on the first day of training camp Wednesday.

Washington dials up intensity on Day 1

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ing and get the guys ready."

Quinn is breaking training camp into six "blocks" with different focuses. The competitive periods of this week's practices will largely be focused on red zone work. As camp progresses, the team will shift its emphasis while incrementally ramping up.

"By doing that, you can just focus on those four days or those three days," Quinn said. "You can also get the feedback. Did we do what we said we were going to do?"

Here are some takeaways from the Commanders' first practice of training camp:

A disruptive defense

The multiplicity of the revamped defense stood out as coordinator Daronte Jones frequently used four-man and five-man fronts. Javon Kinlaw, Tim Settle, Daron Payne and Charles Omenihu rotated along the interior defensive line for the first-team unit, with Odafe Oweh and K'Lavon Chaisson on the edge.

"When you're playing with a D-line that's got a lot of talent and a lot of depth, it helps everybody," Omenihu said. "… It's exciting. I love it. Youas've got edge guys like KC and Oweh, and for us inside guys that makes it easier to just push that pocket when you know that quarterback's going to step up. You have a chance to get busy on a guard, and you can do that knowing that those guys are covering you."

Leo Chenal often lined up as a Sam linebacker and also rotated in at inside linebacker, alongside Frankie Luvu and first-round pick Sonny Styles. Washington's versatile front allows it to throw a variety of looks at the offense while rushing the passer and create more one-on-one matchups.

"It's huge," Chenal said. "It's just going to make the ball come out quicker and make it easier for everybody at the end of the day."

The defense also had plenty of movement on the back end. Amik Robertson and Mike Sainristil took most of the snaps at outside cornerback. At times, Sainristil moved inside at nickelback and was replaced on the outside by Ahkello Witherspoon.

Safety Nick Cross also spent some time at nickelback. Cross, Jeremy Reaves, Quan Martin and Will Harris rotated at safety.

The rotation is partially due to position battles, of course, but it's also a feature of the defense. That plan was executed Wednesday as the defense got the better of the offense.

The defensive line, in particular, frequently made plays in the backfield — both in the pass and run game. The unit came on in waves, which was the vision when General Manager Adam Peters poured resources into the position group this offseason.

"I especially love it when it gets to third down," Omenihu said. "It's a great scheme for the D-line to go out there and eat."

Offense has work to do

The offense is clearly still working to find its rhythm. The Commanders' pass catchers struggled to separate during practice, which led to the quarterbacks holding the ball longer and putting stress on the offensive line.

There shouldn't be any sweeping judgments made off the first day of camp, but that's obviously not a formula for success.

In a positive for the offense, new coordinator David Blough put some wrinkles on display. Tight end Chig Okonkwo, for instance, spent time lined up as an inline tight end, slot receiver, outside receiver and fullback.

Daniels took a notable number of snaps from under center. He almost exclusively operated from the pistol and shotgun in the first two years of his career, but he's rolling with the adjustment.

"I'm more comfortable than I was in the spring. It just comes with reps," Daniels said. "I've got more of a grasp and concept of how [Blough] wants to do things. … Turning my back to the defense isn't a problem. It's a weapon for me. I'm trying to master it in every way I can."

The Commanders also mixed up their personnel groupings and frequently used formations with multiple tight ends.

Roster adjustments

Punter Tress Way (pectoral), linebacker Kain Medrano (hamstring), cornerback Trey Amos (fibula) and defensive ends Deatrich Wise (quad) and Dorance Armstrong (ACL) didn't practice Wednesday.

The Commanders made several roster moves: They signed wide receiver River Cracraft and punter Matt Haack, released outside linebacker Andre Carter and tight end Anthony Firkser, and activated cornerback Fred Davis II off the active/non-football illness list.

NFL NOTES

Ravens' Jackson says he isn't peeved by ranking

ASSOCIATED PRESS

As much as Lamar Jackson might try to stay away from divisive social media topics, at least one broke through this offseason.

"The 69 thing," Jackson said. "The ratings, whatever it is. I've seen that. People were tagging me."

It certainly caused a stir when Jackson was ranked No. 69 on the NFL Top 100 list. The two-time MVP had a down season last year, missing four games and looking shaky when he did play. He's bounced back from injuries in the past, but that ranking — which is voted on by players — suggests real skepticism about Jackson's ability to regain the elite status he held just one year ago.

"It is what it is," Jackson said. "I play football. I do not care about rankings." …

Defensive lineman Nnamdi Madubuike passed his physical and was removed from the physically-unable-to-perform list.

• **SAINTS:** New Orleans defensive tackle Bryan Bresee left the opening practice of training camp with a noncontact knee injury that "doesn't look good," Coach Kellen Moore said Wednesday night.

"No one kind of ran into each other, no one fell on anyone. It was just kind of a goofy deal where obviously something unfortunately happened," Moore said during an interview on WWL radio in New Orleans. "It's a tough one."

The severity of the injury to Bresee, a first-round draft choice out of Clemson in 2023, was not initially apparent on the field, Moore said.

• **BENGALS:** Cincinnati defensive end Shemar Stewart was carted off the field during the team's first practice of training camp with an apparent left leg injury.

The Bengals haven't released any details on Stewart's injury, but he was seen with crutches and a brace on the leg after practice. Coach Zac Taylor met with the media before practice.

• **LIONS:** Detroit running back Jahmyr Gibbs reported to training camp but was not on the field with teammates for their first practice as his agent and the franchise work on negotiating a new deal.

Lions Coach Dan Campbell said he did not have an update on talks.

"You guys know how we feel about Gibbs," Campbell said.

A message seeking comment was left with Gibbs's agent.

"This is both sides working through something," Campbell said. …

Campbell said he addressed the franchise's "unfortunate" decision to release Terrion Arnold with the team on the eve of training camp as the former cornerback is facing felony charges.

"You never want to let go of a player, especially somebody that you've been around for a while here and you drafted," Campbell said. "It's unfortunate, but we made the move we thought was best for us."

The Lions cut ties with Arnold last month, shortly after a Florida judge set Arnold's bail at $1 million on eight felony charges stemming from allegations he orchestrated the abduction and beating of three men.

• **BUCCANEERS:** Tampa Bay opened training camp dealing with contract squabbles.

Baker Mayfield was on the field leading the offense after failing to get a long-term extension. Vita Vea stood on the sideline because of a back injury after requesting a trade following a contract dispute.

The 31-year-old Vea is in the final season of a four-year, $71 million deal. Bowles said he hasn't discussed with General Manager Jason Licht the possibility of trading Vea.

Mayfield is entering the last season of a three-year, $100 million contract.

• **BROWNS:** Grant Delpit agreed to a three-year extension with Cleveland, a person familiar with the deal told the Associated Press.

The safety's extension is worth $48 million, including $35 million guaranteed, the person said on the condition of anonymity because the contract had not been publicly announced.

• **FALCONS:** Atlanta's quarterback competition will have to wait another day after Coach Kevin Stefanski said that Tua Tagovailoa suffered a minor injury, and he'll be back "sooner rather than later."

• **COLTS:** Daniel Jones already has accomplished one feat with Indianapolis this season. He returned to the practice field, uninhibited, as training camp opened.

Now he's ready to finish the job.

The Colts' starting quarterback participated in full team drills for the first time since suffering a torn Achilles tendon nearly eight months ago.

SCOTT TAETSCH/GETTY IMAGES

Nats outfielder Jacob Young makes a valiant but unsuccessful attempt to catch this eighth-inning drive.

Bullpen woes, sluggish offense too much for Nats to overcome

NATIONALS FROM B7

around pitching upgrades, even after the Nationals dealt blossoming third baseman Curtis Mead to the Boston Red Sox for a young lefty starter, Connelly Early.

A sliver of positivity? After Butera announced Tuesday that pitcher Trevor Williams would be reinstated from the 60-day injured list, where he had lingered while rehabbing from a partial UCL tear last July. Butera immediately put him to work. Williams pitched the last 1⅓ innings without giving up a run.

"To have the success that he had today was huge," Butera said. "And hopefully gives him some confidence that … he's as good as he was before."

Littell was also impressive for the second start in a row, following a five-strikeout, one-run outing against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Friday. The improvement, he agreed, was a product of command and a bit of confidence.

"[He was] landing the split more often and throwing it more often is really good for him. It's a really good pitch," Butera said. "It keeps [hitters] off balance, and they have to respect that pitch, and it allows the fastball to play."

What makes the Nationals' pitching worries most pertinent is that their offense is doing more than enough to be a playoff team. They lead MLB with 594 runs, more than 30 ahead of the second-best squad, the Pittsburgh Pirates, which is a larger gap than that between MLB's second- and seventh-best run scorers.

In this single case study, it wouldn't have been noticeable. Washington's stars, Abrams and Wood, each did their part, scoring the team's two runs. Wood reached base for an MLB-leading 48th time in the first inning. Otherwise, though, Blue Jays starter Trey Yesavage had his best stuff, allowing just one run for the first time this month. He navigated 6⅔ innings to the tune of three hits and one run, escaping a couple of tense moments with multiple runners on base.

Deep in a 17-game sprint, the vibe was down as players packed their bags for a trip to Atlanta, which commences Thursday. With roughly two months on the calendar and a wild-card race at least eight teams deep, every game matters.

But only so much baseball remains with each series loss, especially with the current National League East pacesetters, Atlanta (62-45) and Philadelphia (57-52), comprising Washington's next eight games. Not to mention the deadline, hopes for the first playoff berth since 2019, the pitching …

"It wasn't really talked about," Butera said.

NATIONALS ON DECK

at Atlanta Braves		
Thursday	7:15	ESPN
Friday	7:15	Nationals.TV, WTTG (Ch. 5)
Saturday	7:15	Nationals.TV
Sunday	1:35	Nationals.TV
at Philadelphia Phillies		
Monday	6:40	Nationals.TV
Tuesday	6:40	Nationals.TV
Wednesday	6:40	Nationals.TV
Aug. 6	6:05	Nationals.TV
vs. Cincinnati Reds		
August 7	6:45	Nationals.TV, WTTG (Ch. 5)
August 8	6:45	Nationals.TV
August 9	12:15	NBCSN

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM), WDCN (87.7 FM)

Women's baseball goes back to future

Nation's first pro league in nearly 30 years shares link with game's history

BY JAY COHEN

CHICAGO — The nation's first women's professional baseball league in nearly 30 years is about to embark on its inaugural season in what marks a major milestone in the scattered history of the sport in the United States.

The Women's Pro Baseball League is also part of a timeline that goes back to the very beginning of the sport.

"Women have always been part of this game," said Kat Williams, the chief executive of the International Women's Baseball Center. "We've always played, we've always umpired, we've always coached. And in some of the earliest references in the 17th century, the earliest references to something like a game of baseball, it was women that were playing it."

Next up is the WPBL, which plays its first game Saturday. The league has four teams — New York, Boston, Los Angeles and San Francisco — for its first year, but the 15 regular season games for each club and the playoffs will be held at Robin Roberts Stadium in Springfield, Illinois. The ballpark has a seating capacity of 5,200, and Springfield hosted one of the earliest paid women's games when the Blondes faced the Brunettes on Sept. 11, 1875.

Kelsie Whitmore, Mo'ne Davis and Ayami Sato are among the marquee names expected to play in the league's first season. Each team will have 15 active players for the seven-inning games.

"It's amazing. It's one of those kind of things that we always hoped would happen, but wasn't sure that we would see it happen anytime soon," said Leslie Heaphy, the president of the IWBC and the chair of the women in baseball committee for the Society for American Baseball Research. "And it's fitting, it's needed, and yeah, it's exciting."

First breakthrough moment

While women have been connected to baseball since the beginning of the game, the first professional women's league was the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. Immortalized in the film "A League of Their Own," it ran from 1943-54.

The AAGPBL began during World War II as a softball league before converting to baseball. Jean Faut, Doris Sams and Dottie Kamenshek were among the league's best players. Maybelle Blair, who pitched in the AAGPBL in 1948, is on the WPBL's advisory board.

"It was never intended to last past 1945 when it first started, but the fact that it lasts through 1954 tells you something about the importance, I think," said Heaphy, an associate professor at Kent State-Stark.

"It tells you about the determination of those involved, and I think it tells you a lot about the interest of the fans."

Hollywood's role

After the AAGPBL ceased operations, it would be another 40 years — in the wake of the box office success for "A League of Their Own" — before interest in professional women's baseball resurfaced.

From 1994-97, Hall of Fame pitcher Phil Niekro managed an all-female pro team, the Colorado Silver Bullets, that barnstormed the country facing men's amateur and semipro teams. The Ladies Professional Baseball League played in 1997 and part of 1998 before folding. It was based in the southwestern United States before expanding to New York and New Jersey. Former big league sluggers Bobby Bonds and George Foster were involved in another short-lived league in the mid-1990s in Florida.

The Women's Baseball World Cup launched in 2004 and will be played for the 11th time in 2027. Japan has won the past eight World Cups after finishing runner-up to the United States in the first two.

A shared blueprint

Skirts were part of the uniform for AAGPBL players, and they were required to attend charm school. There was an emphasis on femininity and "ladylike" behavior, according to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

The WPBL is all over social media, detailing the background of its players while looking to sell tickets and merchandise.

"We know this was true in the '40s and '50s, that people tended then to follow the team because of the place, and then the players. Now they follow players, right? That's what people do," Heaphy said.

"So I think that issue of raising awareness, both leagues recognize that."

Arthur Meyerhoff, a Chicago advertising executive, played a prominent role in the creation and operation of the AAGPBL.

"He was a marketing guy, and he knew that had to happen," said Williams, a professor emeritus at Marshall University who is part of a WPBL advisory board with Heaphy. "He knew that there has to be an image, right?

"I mean, that's typical of any kind of new endeavor. You have to put forth an image. And the image I hope people are seeing with the WPBL is that these are athletes. These are good athletes. They're strong women. They're talented and smart. And I think that's the message."

One of the biggest legacies of the AAGPBL is connected to what the women accomplished after their playing careers. Several of the women went to graduate school and earned advanced degrees. They took on prominent jobs while crediting the league for opening their eyes as to what was possible.

"The impact, the economic impact on those players and their families, they became doctors and lawyers and airplane pilots and teachers and you know things that they would (have) never had an opportunity to do," Williams said.

— Associated Press

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	63	45	.583	—	6-4	W-1
Philadelphia	57	52	.523	6½	2-8	L-3
Miami	55	54	.505	8½	3-7	W-3
Washington	55	54	.505	8½	6-4	L-1
New York	46	63	.422	17½	5-5	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	67	41	.620	—	6-4	L-1
Chicago	61	47	.565	6	6-4	L-1
Pittsburgh	55	54	.505	12½	4-6	L-2
St. Louis	54	54	.500	13	3-7	W-1
Cincinnati	50	57	.467	16½	6-4	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	67	40	.626	—	6-4	L-2
Arizona	57	52	.523	11	6-4	W-2
San Diego	55	53	.509	12½	7-3	W-5
San Francisco	46	62	.426	21½	4-6	W-1
Colorado	42	67	.385	26	3-7	L-4

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	63	44	.589	—	7-3	W-1
x-New York	61	46	.570	2	7-3	W-2
x-Boston	55	51	.519	7½	7-3	L-1
Baltimore	53	56	.486	11	5-5	W-1
Toronto	50	59	.459	14	4-6	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Chicago	55	51	.519	—	4-6	L-2
Cleveland	56	54	.509	1	4-6	W-1
Minnesota	54	55	.495	2½	5-5	L-1
Detroit	51	58	.468	5½	5-5	L-1
Kansas City	46	63	.422	10½	6-4	W-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	55	53	.509	—	5-5	L-1
x-Houston	54	55	.495	1½	7-3	W-2
x-Seattle	53	55	.491	2	5-5	W-1
x-Athletics	45	62	.421	9½	4-6	W-1
x-Los Angeles	42	66	.389	13	4-6	L-2

x-Late game

Blue Jays 5, Nationals 2

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Piñango lf	5	0	2	0	0	1	.260
Straw pr-lf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.218
Lukes rf	3	0	0	0	2	1	.282
Okamoto 1b	5	2	3	2	0	0	.231
Springer dh	4	1	1	1	1	2	.234
Kirk c	5	0	2	0	0	1	.231
Varsho cf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.247
Clement 3b	5	0	1	1	0	0	.294
Giménez ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.228
Schneider 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.150
Urías 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.214
TOTALS	39	5	12	5	4	5	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Wood rf	4	1	2	0	1	0	.271
García 1b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.281
House 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Tena ph-2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	.243
Abrams dh	3	1	0	0	1	1	.292
Ford c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.200
Lile lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.245
Young cf	2	0	1	1	1	0	.237
Vivas 2b-3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.240
Nuñez ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.244
TOTALS	31	2	6	2	5	5	—

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E: Nuñez (13). **LOB:** Toronto 12, Washington 8. **2B:** Varsho (19), Clement (27), Schneider (6), Okamoto (14), Young (14), Wood (26). **RBI:** Clement (35), Varsho (26), Okamoto 2 (68), Springer (34), Young (38), García (74). **SB:** Straw (6). **CS:** Okamoto (1). **S:** Young.

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Yesavage	6⅔	3	1	1	3	4	97	3.73
Rogers	⅓	2	1	1	1	0	15	1.69
Varland	2	1	0	0	1	1	20	0.98

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Littell	4⅔	4	0	0	3	2	81	4.94
Kranick	1	1	1	1	1	0	17	11.5
Yean	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	1	12.25
Ribalta	1	3	1	1	0	1	21	3.69
Schultz	⅔	4	3	3	0	1	32	6.40
Williams	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	15	0.00

WP: Yesavage (5-5); **LP:** Ribalta (0-2); **S:** Varland (23). **Inherited runners-scored:** Rogers 1-0, Varland 2-0, Kranick 2-0, Yean 2-0, Williams 1-0. **HBP:** Kranick (Giménez). ABS Challenge_Yesavage (Ball-Confirmed) **T:** 2:59. **A:** 20,044 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

NATIONALS FOURTH
CJ Abrams walks. Harry Ford grounds out, CJ Abrams to second. Daylen Lile grounds out, CJ Abrams to third. **Jacob Young doubles, CJ Abrams scores.** Jorbit Vivas grounds out.
Nationals 1, Blue jays 0
BLUE JAYS SIXTH
George Springer walks. Alejandro Kirk grounds out, George Springer to second. Daulton Varsho flies out. **Ernie Clement doubles, George Springer scores.** Andres Gimenez hit by pitch. Davis Schneider reaches on error, Andres Gimenez to second, Ernie Clement to third. Fielding error by Nasim Nunez. Yohendrick Pinango grounds out.
Blue jays 1, Nationals 1
BLUE JAYS SEVENTH
Nathan Lukes flies out. Kazuma Okamoto singles. George Springer strikes out swinging. Alejandro Kirk singles, Kazuma Okamoto to third. **Daulton Varsho singles, Alejandro Kirk to second, Kazuma Okamoto scores.** Ernie Clement pops out.
Blue jays 2, Nationals 1
BLUE JAYS EIGHTH
Andres Gimenez grounds out. Davis Schneider doubles. **Yohendrick Pinango singles, Davis Schneider to third.** Nathan Lukes strikes out swinging. **Kazuma Okamoto doubles, Myles Straw scores, Davis Schneider scores. George Springer singles, Kazuma Okamoto scores.** Alejandro Kirk strikes out swinging.
Blue jays 5, Nationals 1
NATIONALS EIGHTH
James Wood doubles. **Luis Garcia singles, James Wood scores.** Jose Tena pinch-hitting for Brady House. Jose Tena walks, Luis Garcia to second. CJ Abrams hits into a fielder's choice, Jose Tena to second, Luis Garcia out at third. Harry Ford walks, CJ Abrams to second, Jose Tena to third. Daylen Lile strikes out on a foul tip. Jacob Young flies out.
Blue jays 5, Nationals 2

Marlins 8, Phillies 6

Griffin Conine hit a go-ahead pinch-hit homer in the eighth, Otto Lopez, Heriberto Hernández and Xavier Edwards each had two RBIs, and Miami rallied to beat Philadelphia.

The Marlins overcame a 6-0 deficit to mark their largest comeback of the season.

PHILLIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Turner dh	5	1	2	1	0	0	.243
Stott 2b	2	1	1	2	2	0	.254
Harper 1b	4	1	1	1	0	2	.252
Bohm 3b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.225
Realmuto c	3	1	0	0	1	1	.225
Marsh lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.280
De La Cruz rf	3	0	0	1	0	2	.571
Crawford cf	3	1	2	0	1	1	.257
Sosa ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.208
TOTALS	32	6	9	6	4	7	—

MARLINS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Lopez ss	5	1	2	2	0	0	.329
Hernández lf	4	1	1	2	0	0	.241
Hicks 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.279
Edwards 2b	3	0	1	2	1	0	.291
Sanoja 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.265
Stowers dh	3	1	0	0	1	2	.232
Ruiz rf	4	2	2	0	0	2	.254
Navarreto c	2	1	0	0	0	1	.143
Conine ph	1	1	1	2	0	0	.277
Mack c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Marsee cf	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.197
TOTALS	30	8	8	8	5	6	—

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E: Realmuto (7). **LOB:** Philadelphia 4, Miami 5. **2B:** Stott (21), Ruiz (9), Sanoja (21). **3B:** Harper (3). **HR:** Turner (15), off Gusto; Hernández (16), off Luzardo; Conine (9), off Bowlan.

PHILLIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Luzardo	6⅓	6	6	6	3	5	3.57
Johnson	⅔	1	0	0	1	0	5.51
Bowlan	1	1	2	2	1	1	3.11

MARLINS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Gusto	5	9	6	6	2	3	5.31
Fulton	2	0	0	0	2	1	4.50
Zuber	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.76
Fairbanks	1	0	0	0	0	1	6.75

WP: Zuber (1-1); **LP:** Bowlan (2-1); **S:** Fairbanks (15). **Inherited runners-scored:** Johnson 2-2. **HBP:** Luzardo (Navarreto). **WP:** Johnson. ABS Challenge_Bohm (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:29. **A:** 14,350 (37,446).

REBECCA BLACKWELL/AP

A warm welcome
Griffin Conine celebrates with Kyle Stowers at home plate after hitting a go-ahead two-run homer during the eighth inning of the host Marlins' series-sweeping win against the Phillies on Wednesday afternoon.

Diamondbacks 3, Pirates 0

Eduardo Rodríguez pitched eight shutout innings, Gabriel Moreno hit a two-run homer and Arizona beat Pittsburgh, clinching the three-game series.

Rodríguez struck out two while giving up five hits before Brandyn Garcia closed out a hitless ninth inning for his second save of the year.

The Diamondbacks now sit two games up on the Pirates for the final NL wild card.

D'BACKS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Carroll rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.251
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.228
Moreno c	3	2	1	2	1	1	.308
Marte dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	.253
Kepler lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.250
Arenado 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Tawa 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.217
Vargas 2b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.275
Barrosa cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.187
TOTALS	32	3	6	3	2	6	—

PIRATES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Gonzales 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.315
Lowe 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.253
Reynolds lf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.270
Valdez rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.278
O'Hearn 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Ozuna dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	.202
Triolo ss	3	0	2	0	0	0	.245
J.Garcia cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.184
Davis c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.171
TOTALS	30	0	5	0	2	4	—

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LOB: Arizona 4, Pittsburgh 5. **2B:** Carroll (22), Vargas (15). **HR:** Moreno (8), off Jones.

D'BACKS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez	8	5	0	0	1	2	2.48
B.Garcia	1	0	0	0	1	2	2.17

PIRATES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Jones	6	4	3	3	2	5	3.81
Mlodzinski	3	2	0	0	0	1	3.25

WP: Rodriguez (10-3); **LP:** Jones (2-2); **S:** B.Garcia (2). ABS Challenge_Moreno (Strike-Confirmed) **T:** 2:09. **A:** 19,716 (38,753).

Padres 3, Rockies 1

Jackson Merrill, Luis Rengifo and Gavin Sheets drove in runs and Griffin Canning and five relievers turned in a strong bullpen outing to propel San Diego.

The win moved the Padres to within 1½ games of Philadelphia for the final National League wild card.

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
McCarthy rf-cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.293
Carrigg cf-ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	.296
Goodman dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.254
Rumfield 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.293
Castro 3b	4	1	1	0	0	3	.259
Freeman 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.253
Julien ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.213
Moniak lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.279
Tovar ss	2	0	0	0	0	2	.198
Johnston ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Sullivan c	3	0	2	1	0	1	.228
TOTALS	32	1	6	1	2	14	—

PADRES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Tatis rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.286
Cronenworth 2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.213
Machado 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.216
France 1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	.285
Merrill cf	3	0	1	1	0	0	.236
Rengifo lf	3	0	0	1	0	0	.231
Bowen lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.148
Sheets dh	2	0	0	1	0	0	.215
Bogaerts ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	.218
Fermin c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.168
TOTALS	27	3	6	3	1	3	—

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E: Bogaerts (7). **LOB:** Colorado 7, San Diego 4. **2B:** Tatis (21).

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hughes	5	6	3	3	1	2	3.33
Bernardino	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.62
Agnos	2	0	0	0	0	1	6.22

PADRES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hart	2⅔	2	0	0	1	3	4.87
Canning	3	1	0	0	0	4	6.65
Peralta	⅓	2	1	1	0	1	3.17
Rodriguez	⅓	1	0	0	0	1	2.33
Estrada	1	0	0	0	1	3	3.32
Miller	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.79

WP: Canning (2-9); **LP:** Hughes (0-3); **S:** Miller (28). **Inherited runners-scored:** Bernardino 1-0, Canning 1-0, Rodriguez 2-1. **HBP:** Hughes (France), Canning (Carrigg). ABS Challenge_Hughes (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:33. **A:** 40,714 (40,222).

O's score their biggest comeback since 2009

ORIOLES 10, TIGERS 9 (12)

BY MATT WEYRICH

DETROIT — The day was supposed to be about Tarik Skubal receiving a send-off worthy of a future Hall of Famer pitching perhaps his final game for the Tigers. Detroit jumped out to a seven-run lead, and the Baltimore Orioles, with three errors and a hopeless offense, played the part of the quiet visiting team fading into the background of the pomp and circumstance.

That all changed in the seventh inning, when the Orioles knocked Skubal out of the game and plated five runs to arouse startled boos from the Comerica Park crowd. Baltimore (53-56) then tied the game in the ninth on Coby Mayo's two-run triple, plated two runs in the 11th, gave them right back, then won 10-9 in the 12th on Colton Cowser's go-ahead single.

Try to keep up.

Just when it seemed the club might have sealed its trade deadline fate, the Orioles pulled off their largest comeback win since setting their franchise record with a nine-run eruption to beat the Boston Red Sox, 11-10, on June 30, 2009. It was just the third time in Orioles history (1954 to present) that they won a game after trailing by seven runs or more.

Baltimore scored the game-winning run in the 12th when Cowser worked a 3-2 count against left-hander Drew Sommers and caught a sinker inside, lining it up the middle to score automatic runner Taylor Ward from third.

Skubal struck out Taylor Ward in the first at-bat of the game to become the fastest pitcher in Tigers history to 1,000 career strikeouts, and he cruised from there until the seventh.

— Baltimore Sun

Orioles 10, Tigers 9 (12)

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ward lf	5	1	1	2	1	2	.248
Alonso 1b	6	0	1	0	0	2	.249
Henderson ss	5	2	1	0	1	1	.219
O'Neill rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.207
Beavers ph-rf	2	1	0	0	0	0	.241
Cowser cf	1	0	1	1	0	0	.208
Encarnacion-Strand 3b	6	1	0	0	0	1	.303
Mayo dh	3	2	2	2	2	0	.204
Taveras cf-rf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.226
Jackson 2b	2	1	0	0	1	0	.245
Pozo c	1	0	0	1	0	1	.243
Tromp c	2	0	0	0	0	0	.163
Holliday ph-2b	3	1	2	3	0	1	.260
TOTALS	43	10	9	10	5	11	—

TIGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Torres 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1	.270
Outman cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.162
McGonigle ss	5	0	0	1	0	1	.285
Lee 3b	2	0	0	1	0	2	.272
Keith ph-3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	.264
Malgeri ph	0	0	0	0	0	1	.286
Dingler c	6	0	1	0	0	2	.268
Greene lf	4	1	0	0	2	1	.277
Valencia dh	6	2	0	0	0	1	.391
Torkelson 1b	5	2	2	2	0	0	.210
Vierling rf	2	1	2	0	0	0	.207
McKinstry pr-rf	3	1	1	2	0	0	.207
Báez cf-2b	5	2	2	2	0	1	.287
TOTALS	45	9	10	8	3	9	—

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E: Alonso (3), Encarnacion-Strand (2), Henderson (13), Báez (5). **LOB:** Baltimore 7, Detroit 9. **2B:** Vierling (13), Torres (8), McKinstry (10). **3B:** Mayo (1), Vierling (3), Keith (4). **HR:** Torkelson (20), off Garcia. **RBI:** Taveras (39), Holliday 3 (20), Ward 2 (30), Mayo 2 (40), Pozo (6), Cowser (28), Báez 2 (8), McGonigle (37), Lee (26), McKinstry 2 (23), Torkelson 2 (54). **SB:** Holliday (5). **SF:** Pozo, McGonigle, Lee. **S:** Taveras.

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rogers	6	8	7	4	0	6	4.27
Nunez	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.36
Cano	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.21
Wells	2	0	0	0	1	0	2.72
Garcia	⅔	1	2	1	0	0	3.09
Wolfram	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.09
Kittredge	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.48

TIGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Skubal	6⅔	4	3	3	1	6	2.79
Finnegan	0	2	2	2	1	0	2.93
Anderson	1⅓	1	2	2	1	2	4.33
Jansen	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.77
Waguespack	1⅔	0	2	1	1	0	1.80
Sommers	1	2	1	0	0	2	4.91
Hanifee	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.98

WP: Wolfram (4-2); **LP:** Sommers (0-2); **S:** Kittredge (4). **T:** 3:33. **A:** 34,406 (41,083).

GAME 1
Mets 3, Braves 2

Carson Benge hit a tie-breaking RBI double in the seventh inning to lift New York past National League East-leading Atlanta.

Mets left-hander Sean Manaea surrendered two runs and struck out four in six innings.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.248
Baldwin dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.279
Olson 1b	4	1	1	2	0	2	.264
Albies 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.260
Harris cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	.296
Dubón ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.260
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.213
White lf	2	0	2	0	0	0	.231
Yastrzemski ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.225
Bart c	2	0	1	0	0	0	.233
TOTALS	31	2	7	2	2	6	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ewing cf	2	1	1	1	1	0	.273
Lindor ss	2	0	0	0	2	0	.231
Bichette 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.259
Benge rf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.261
J.Young 1b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.253
Polanco dh	3	0	0	0	0	3	.144
Taylor lf	3	1	0	0	1	2	.245
Baty 2b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.224
Semien ph-2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.213
Alvarez c	4	0	1	1	0	2	.262
TOTALS	28	3	6	3	5	9	—

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E: Riley (9), Manaea (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 5, New York 9. **2B:** Baldwin (7), Alvarez (8), Benge (14). **HR:** Olson (28), off Manaea.

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Smith-Shawver	4⅓	4	2	2	2	4	4.15
Fuentes	⅔	0	0	0	1	1	2.66
Mederos	⅔	1	0	0	0	1	3.65
Dodd	1	1	1	1	2	2	2.20
D.Young	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.35
Kinley	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.23

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manaea	6	5	2	2	2	4	4.42
Brazobán	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.61
Weaver	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.88
Williams	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.29

WP: Brazobán (5-2); **LP:** Dodd (2-1); **S:** Williams (15). **Inherited runners-scored:** Fuentes 1-0, Dodd 1-0, D.Young 3-0. **HBP:** Manaea (Bart), Dodd (J.Young). ABS Challenge_Fuentes (Ball-Overturned to Strike) **T:** 2:34. **A:** 28,493 (42,136).

GAME 2
Braves 1, Mets 0

Chris Sale struck out nine and limited New York to two hits in six innings and Atlanta beat the Mets to split a day/night doubleheader.

Raisel Iglesias, the Braves' fourth pitcher, had his 15th save with a perfect ninth.

Matt Olson drove in the game's only run with a single in the sixth inning.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Baldwin c	4	0	2	0	0	1	.282
Acuña dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Olson 1b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.264
Harris cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.293
Albies 2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.260
Dubón lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.260
Yastrzemski rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.224
White ph-rf	2	0	1	0	0	0	.235
Riley 3b	3	0	0	0	0	3	.212
Jarvis ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	.250
TOTALS	34	1	7	1	1	12	—

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Lindor ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.226
Bichette 3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.256
Robert cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.200
Alvarez dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.258
Taylor lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.241
Semien 2b	3	0	0	0	0	3	.211
Benge rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.262
Wagaman 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.175
Torrens c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.220
TOTALS	29	0	2	0	1	12	—

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LOB: Atlanta 8, New York 3. **2B:** Jarvis (5).

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Sale	6	2	0	0	0	9	2.08
Fuentes	1	0	0	0	1	3	2.60
Lee	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.22
Iglesias	1	0	0	0	0	0	2.37

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Scott	6	5	1	1	1	7	2.99
Minter	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.35
C.Pérez	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.97
Duarte	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.00

WP: Sale (12-6); **LP:** Scott (3-3); **S:** Iglesias (22). **HBP:** Minter (Riley). ABS Challenge_Bichette (Strike-Overturned to Ball) **T:** 2:29. **A:** 22,672 (42,136).

Giants 16, Brewers 3

Luis Arraez had four of San Francisco's 17 hits, Daniel Susac hit his first two homers in the majors, and the Giants routed Milwaukee.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Turang 2b	5	0	2	2	0	1	.271
Chourio lf	5	0	0	0	0	0	.274
Bauers 1b	5	1	2	0	0	0	.267
Yelich dh	2	0	1	0	2	0	.241
Ortiz 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.237
Sánchez c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.214
Mitchell cf	4	0	0	1	0	2	.266
Lara rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.286
Hamilton 3b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.242
Vaughn ph-3b-p	0	0	0	0	1	0	.309
Pratt ss	3	0	1	0	1	2	.284
TOTALS	34	3	8	3	4	7	—

GIANTS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	5	1	4	2	0	0	.331
Basabe ph-2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.000
Eldridge 1b	5	2	0	1	1	1	.250
Ramos lf	5	1	4	3	1	0	.267
Devers dh	4	1	0	0	1	2	.243
Cavanaugh ph-dh	1	0	1	1	0	0

FIFA plan to sell stakes in the World Cup is widely panned

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fury from Infantino's former colleagues at UEFA, which said the World Cup "is not FIFA's to sell."

One option open to European soccer is threaten a boycott of FIFA competitions — a tactic used in 2021 when UEFA-led opposition helped stop Infantino's plan to play the World Cup every two years instead of four.

FIFA's private equity plan is the latest ambitious project proposed during Infantino's 11-year presidency in which he has increasingly seemed to be an executive leader acting without consulting with soccer's major stakeholders.

Previous plans include creating a FIFA Peace Prize — awarded to Trump in December at the World Cup draw — and trying to push through a secretive $25 billion private equity plan in 2018 to create new and bigger men's competitions. That was resisted by UEFA.

Concerns about the latest and previously secret plan were aired Wednesday by the continental soccer bodies for Asia and the North American region known as CONCACAF.

"We are deeply concerned by the lack of due process," CONCACAF said in a statement.

The Kuala Lumpur-based Asian Football Confederation said it was "disappointed that a matter of such significance entered the public domain before the AFC family had been afforded the opportunity to examine and discuss it."

Continental bodies that organize their own international club and national-team competitions — such as the Champions League, European Championship and Copa America — likely will see threats to those events from FIFA wanting to increase revenue and value for investors by playing World Cups and Club World Cups for men and women more often, along with adding more teams.

The influential, 850-member European Football Clubs group — which has a joint venture with UEFA to manage the Champions League — said it "learned about this proposal in the same way as most global football stakeholders — without warning and through the media."

Inviting in private investors could also, sports governance academic Antoine Duval suggested Wednesday, "incentivize FIFA to further commodify the World Cup [think more hydration breaks and dynamic pricing] in a drive to increase its revenue."

If the FIFA Forward Enterprise subsidiary is approved by a majority of the 211 members, they also each are promised $20 million in funding from the four-year commercial cycle tied to the men's 2030 World Cup.

That would lead, Infantino wrote, to "a pool of diverse international investors" joining Joshua Kushner's Thrive as the anchor investor: "This process will be led by J.P. Morgan."

If Infantino's plan is rejected, those members will get their previously promised $10 million over the next four years, his letter stated.

The cash difference on offer Wednesday to FIFA members appears to be $86 million over 12 years compared to about $36 million in existing promised funding for rejecting the private equity deal.

The rushed deadline to claim an initial $20 million "says everything you need to know about this plan," UEFA said. "FIFA cannot continue to use our sport to enrich themselves and their friends."

Dozens of member federations typically rely on FIFA for funding, have national teams with little realistic chance of qualifying for World Cups, and whose best players rarely, if ever, join clubs playing at the highest level of international competitions.

FIFA's one-member, one-vote democratic system means the most powerful soccer nations on the field easily can be outvoted by those who rarely play top-level games.

FIFA's plan met quick opposition from British Prime Minister Andy Burnham, whose government is preparing to support hosting the 2035 Women's World Cup in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

FIFA is set to confirm that lone bid for 2035 at an online meeting in November.

"Football does not belong to investors," Burnham, a longtime soccer fan, said in a video message on Instagram. "Once you have sold a piece of (the World Cup), you have sold out. Football belongs to the fans. It always has, and it always will."

Resistance by British lawmakers — including threats of legislation by then-Prime Minister Boris Johnson in 2021 — previously helped stop the divisive European Super League project that was an existential threat to UEFA's Champions League, and which Infantino had discreetly supported. J.P. Morgan

Infantino has seemed to be cruising toward being reelected unopposed as FIFA president for a fourth and final term through 2031.

Promising more FIFA funds to member federations was a decisive part of his initial election-day speech in February 2016, and at his unopposed reelections in 2019 and 2023.

Some observers have long suspected Infantino wants a longer-term role running the sport. A CEO or commissioner role at a FIFA subsidiary FFE would fit that bill.

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ABOVE: Fans react after the World Cup final between Spain and Argentina in East Rutherford, New Jersey, earlier this month. LEFT: FIFA's private equity plan is the latest ambitious project proposed by Gianni Infantino's during his 11-year presidency.

Players use pauses to find their center — whatever it is

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to find this abstruse state known among athletes as "flow," then the mind could venture to one of two places.

The first school of thought is that a player should be present and interactive with what's occurring in the game.

In that space, they can come to terms with success and failure, adapt and move forward.

The second line of thinking demands that a player do everything they can to focus on something that isn't what's occurring. Multiple studies have found that the easiest way to suffocate a stress loop is to focus elsewhere or find someone to confide in. On the court, you're alone.

So allowing one's mind to float away could be the best option.

"I tend to think you want to know what's going on," Ashlyn Krueger said. "You shouldn't be consumed by it, but recognizing what's happening is what lets you change things."

When Krueger was 17, her parents told her she could give professional tennis a run — but if she hadn't found success in two years, she would find herself in a college dorm instead. In the five years since, she has risen through the professional rankings enough to redirect their concerns, entering this week at No. 67.

"Because of my background, I think I can see the bigger picture," she said. "Each point only means so much as long as you stay focused."

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"See the ball on contact," Emma Navarro said she told herself between points while trailing early in the second set Monday. She proceeded to defeat Sofia Kenin, 6-0, 7-5.

To accomplish that, she talks to herself. Nearly every player at the DC Open, no matter their mental philosophy, carries a personal dialogue.

Krueger likes to tell herself "good shot." Navarro has calming mantras she sets before each match, which she'll say before every point to conjure a sense of regularity.

World No. 8 Ben Shelton takes a different approach.

"I'll kick myself," he said, "and then laugh."

Self-doubt is a regular attendee in these 25 glorious seconds. Coming to terms with it is how those like Shelton survive.

"You just need to be able to move on," he said. Krueger agreed: "It's all self-confidence."

Some think of family members and coaches they associate with joy and success. Others choose objects around venues to focus on.

And, surely, someone spends those valuable paces debating where, among the capital's plentiful options, they want to go for dinner. (Note: The Washington Post was unable to source any confessions.)

After her self-command Monday, Navarro won the next four games and finished off Sofia Kenin, 6-0, 7-5. Nearly half of her victories this year have required three sets, so the 1 hour 39 minute match was a nice change of pace.

"It comes from consistency," she said. "However you can achieve it."

Navarro alternates what she says to herself between points, depending on the opponent and style she'll need to play. Reiterating what she's trained can't hurt, she figured.

But recently, one message has become a staple of her serve-receive routine:

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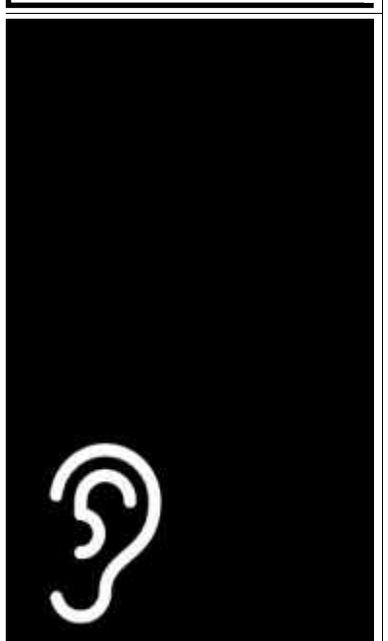

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EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	18	10	.643	—
Atlanta	17	10	.630	½
New York	16	12	.571	2
Washington	15	12	.556	2½
Toronto	10	17	.370	7½
Chicago	9	18	.333	8½
Connecticut	7	21	.250	11

WEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	23	6	.793	—
Las Vegas	19	8	.704	3
x-Golden State	19	8	.704	3
Dallas	18	10	.643	4½
Portland	11	17	.393	11½
Los Angeles	10	17	.370	12
x-Phoenix	10	18	.357	12½
Seattle	6	24	.200	17½

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

at Washington 92, Connecticut 84
at Minnesota 100, Toronto 93
Indiana 105, at Seattle 95
at Las Vegas 98, Portland 83
New York 113, at Los Angeles 109

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 82, at Dallas 81
Golden State at Phoenix, late

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Connecticut at Chicago, 8
Minnesota at Toronto, 8
New York at Las Vegas, 10

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Washington, 7:30
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30
Indiana at Portland, 10

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Las Vegas at Chicago, 1
New York at Phoenix, 3

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Indiana at Minnesota, 1
Los Angeles at Portland, 3:30
Connecticut at Dallas, 7
Toronto at Golden State, 8:30

MYSTICS' NEXT THREE

vs. Dallas Wings

Friday 7:30 Ion

vs. Dallas Wings

August 5 7:30 Monumental

vs. Atlanta Dream

August 7 7:30 Ion

Radio: WTEM (980 AM)

Dream 82, Wings 81

Atlanta	16	16	20	30	— 82
Dallas	16	22	26	17	— 81

ATLANTA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Hillmon	21:40	1-2	0-0	2-3	1	0	2
Howard	31:43	3-10	2-3	1-5	5	3	9
Reese	33:36	9-18	4-6	5-12	4	5	22
Canada	32:17	1-6	1-2	1-6	8	5	3
Gray	34:21	8-13	9-9	0-0	2	4	25
B.Jones	21:04	5-10	1-2	2-7	1	1	11
Borlase	17:16	4-9	2-3	1-2	0	2	10
Sherrod	3:41	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Okot	2:54	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Walker-Kimbrough	1:28	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	31-70	19-25	12-37	22	20	82

Percentages: FG .443, FT .760. **3-Point Goals:** 1-16, .063 (Howard 1-4, Hillmon 0-1, B.Jones 0-2, Borlase 0-2, Canada 0-2, Reese 0-2, Gray 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 4 (B.Jones 3, Reese). **Turnovers:** 15 (Canada 7, Reese 3, B.Jones 2, Howard 2, Gray). **Steals:** 11 (Reese 4, Canada 3, Howard 3, Gray). **Technical Fouls:** coach Brandi Poole, 00:22 second; Howard, 00:01 third.

DALLAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Kuier	16:17	2-6	0-0	0-2	0	2	4
Ogunbowale	38:05	9-16	5-5	2-6	5	5	24
Shepard	40:00	8-18	0-2	4-14	5	2	16
Bueckers	37:06	6-11	3-5	1-4	6	4	16
Fudd	37:06	9-13	0-0	1-3	2	1	20
Yueru	23:43	0-3	1-2	0-2	1	4	1
Sims	2:56	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
James	2:54	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Sutton	1:53	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	34-69	9-14	8-32	19	19	81

Percentages: FG .493, FT .643. **3-Point Goals:** 4-15, .267 (Fudd 2-2, Ogunbowale 1-1, Bueckers 1-5, Sims 0-1, Kuier 0-3, Yueru 0-3). **Team Rebounds:** 10. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 5 (Kuier 2, Yueru 2, Bueckers). **Turnovers:** 16 (Bueckers 5, Ogunbowale 3, Yueru 3, Fudd 2, Shepard 2, Kuier). **Steals:** 9 (Ogunbowale 4, Fudd 2, Bueckers, Kuier, Shepard). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 6,251 (7,000).

Fever 105, Storm 95

Late Tuesday

Indiana	37	21	18	29	— 105
Seattle	20	27	25	23	— 95

INDIANA	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Billings	29:52	4-6	6-6	3-11	1	4	14
Hull	16:55	0-4	0-0	0-3	0	0	0
Boston	10:38	4-7	2-2	0-2	1	2	11
Clark	33:17	9-14	10-10	0-4	7	4	32
Mitchell	34:40	9-18	6-6	0-2	2	5	28
Timpson	28:05	2-3	0-0	2-4	0	4	4
Cunningham	23:54	3-6	2-2	0-5	2	1	11
Harris	11:49	0-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0
Hines-Allen	10:51	2-4	0-0	1-4	1	1	5
TOTALS	200	33-64	26-26	6-36	16	21	105

Percentages: FG .516, FT 1.000. **3-Point Goals:** 13-24, .542 (Clark 4-7, Mitchell 4-7, Cunningham 3-4, Hines-Allen 1-1, Boston 1-2, Harris 0-1, Hull 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 8. **Team Turnovers:** 2. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Billings, Clark, Timpson). **Turnovers:** 11 (Clark 4, Billings 2, Harris 2, Mitchell 2, Cunningham). **Steals:** 3 (Boston, Clark, Mitchell). **Technical Fouls:** None.

SEATTLE	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Horston	26:54	3-7	1-2	1-4	2	4	7
F.Johnson	24:16	4-15	8-9	2-3	2	6	16
Fam	34:09	4-13	2-2	4-5	2	4	11
Hiedeman	34:33	11-20	5-8	0-6	4	1	33
Melbourne	29:28	4-7	0-0	2-3	4	4	8
Dolson	16:10	2-3	0-0	4-6	1	2	5
Cooke	15:13	2-8	4-6	1-2	0	1	10
Samuelson	11:45	2-5	0-0	1-5	1	0	5
Holmes	5:17	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	0	0
Mair	2:15	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
TOTALS	200	32-79	20-27	16-36	17	22	95

Percentages: FG .405, FT .741. **3-Point Goals:** 11-34, .324 (Hiedeman 6-10, Cooke 2-3, Dolson 1-1, Samuelson 1-4, Fam 1-6, Horston 0-2, Melbourne 0-2, F.Johnson 0-6). **Team Rebounds:** 5. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 2 (F.Johnson, Fam). **Turnovers:** 4 (Melbourne 3, Dolson). **Steals:** 6 (F.Johnson 2, Samuelson 2, Holmes, Horston). **Technical Fouls:** None. **A:** 18,343 (15,354). **T:** 2:22.

Liberty 113, Sparks 109

Late Tuesday

New York	36	17	32	28	— 113
Los Angeles	30	26	28	25	— 109

NEW YORK	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Allen	17:35	1-5	0-0	1-2	1	2	3
Stewart	37:05	11-19	5-6	0-4	7	0	29
Jones	23:48	4-6	0-0	1-5	5	3	9
Astier	15:53	2-2	0-0	1-2	2	4	4
Ionescu	35:30	9-16	4-4	1-7	6	1	27
Gardner	23:29	5-6	3-4	0-2	4	0	15
Fauthoux	22:17	4-6	2-2	2-3	1	3	13
Xu	21:29	5-10	0-0	1-3	0	0	13
Carrera	2:55	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	41-70	14-16	7-28	26	13	113

Percentages: FG .586, FT .875. **3-Point Goals:** 17-32, .531 (Ionescu 5-9, Fauthoux 3-4, Xu 3-6, Gardner 2-3, Stewart 2-4, Jones 1-2, Allen 1-4). **Team Rebounds:** 7. **Team Turnovers:** 1. **Blocked Shots:** 7 (Stewart 3, Xu 2, Allen, Jones). **Turnovers:** 17 (Ionescu 7, Jones 4, Fauthoux 2, Astier, Gardner, Stewart, Xu). **Steals:** 10 (Stewart 4, Allen 2, Astier, Fauthoux, Jones, Xu). **Technical Fouls:** None.

LOS ANGELES	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Burrell	33:53	10-17	0-0	0-3	3	1	24
Ogwumike	28:17	9-12	0-0	1-4	9	5	21
Hamby	32:45	5-11	2-3	0-2	4	0	12
Atkins	34:12	6-8	2-2	1-5	5	4	16
Wheeler	27:14	6-9	1-2	0-1	9	4	17
Brink	18:58	5-9	0-0	0-6	2	3	11
Gray	13:57	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	0	5
Park	5:54	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Williams	4:50	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	3
TOTALS	200	44-73	5-7	2-21	35	17	109

Percentages: FG .603, FT .714. **3-Point Goals:** 16-31, .516 (Wheeler 4-5, Burrell 4-8, Ogwumike 3-5, Atkins 2-4, Williams 1-1, Brink 1-3, Gray 1-4, Hamby 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 6. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 1 (Brink). **Turnovers:** 15 (Burrell 5, Atkins 4, Brink 3, Hamby, Ogwumike, Wheeler). **Steals:** 10 (Burrell 4, Hamby 2, Ogwumike 2, Atkins, Park). **Technical Fouls:** None.
A: 15,499 (18,997).

Aces 98, Fire 83

Late game

Portland	21	16	27	19	— 83
Las Vegas	36	17	26	19	— 98

PORTLAND	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Engstler	18:50	3-6	0-4	2-10	0	3	7
Puoch	20:04	1-3	1-2	1-3	0	1	3
DiLeo	26:45	8-13	3-3	4-6	1	2	20
Carleton	27:29	4-15	2-2	1-4	4	1	13
Leite	21:37	4-10	2-2	0-0	3	6	11
Buhner	21:10	3-5	8-8	2-5	2	3	16
Samuelson	18:50	1-3	0-0	1-1	2	0	3
Oblak	15:13	2-5	2-2	0-0	2	4	6
Winterburn	13:37	0-4	0-0	0-0	3	1	0
Williams	13:15	1-3	2-2	1-2	1	2	4
Geiselsoder	3:10	0-1	0-0	0-2	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	27-68	20-25	12-33	18	23	83

Percentages: FG .397, FT .800. **3-Point Goals:** 9-31, .290 (Carleton 3-9, Buhner 2-3, Engstler 1-3, Leite 1-3, Samuelson 1-3, DiLeo 1-5, Geiselsoder 0-1, Puoch 0-1, Winterburn 0-1, Oblak 0-2). **Team Rebounds:** 9. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 1 (Engstler). **Turnovers:** 13 (Oblak 4, Engstler 3, Williams 3, DiLeo, Puoch, Winterburn). **Steals:** 5 (Buhner 2, Carleton, Engstler, Puoch). **Technical Fouls:** None.

LAS VEGAS	MIN	FG	FT	O-T	A	PF	PTS
Talbot	15:24	1-3	0-0	0-0	1	3	2
Turner	31:34	4-6	0-0	1-4	1	4	8
Wilson	30:10	7-10	13-14	1-14	4	2	28
Gray	32:22	6-9	3-3	0-1	7	0	17
Young	28:18	9-14	5-5	0-2	2	2	25
Loyd	25:04	3-7	2-2	0-5	3	2	11
Evans	18:08	1-3	0-2	0-2	3	2	2
Pissott	12:13	1-2	0-0	0-2	0	6	3
Latson	3:37	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
Yamamoto	3:10	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	33-57	23-26	2-30	21	21	98

Percentages: FG .579, FT .885. **3-Point Goals:** 9-22, .409 (Loyd 3-6, Gray 2-3, Young 2-7, Pissott 1-2, Wilson 1-3, Talbot 0-1). **Team Rebounds:** 1. **Team Turnovers:** None. **Blocked Shots:** 3 (Turner 2, Evans). **Turnovers:** 12 (Gray 3, Wilson 3, Evans 2, Young 2, Latson, Turner). **Steals:** 7 (Talbot 2, Wilson 2, Evans, Turner, Young). **Technical Fouls:** None.
A: 10,240 (12,000).

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Cup Series

POINTS LEADERS

Through Monday.

1. Denny Hamlin, 886.
2. Tyler Reddick, 802.
3. Ryan Blaney, 766.
4. Ty Gibbs, 751.
5. Carson Hocevar, 638.
6. Chase Elliott, 635.
7. Chase Briscoe, 623.
8. Kyle Larson, 617.
9. Chris Buescher, 613.
10. Christopher Bell, 609.
11. Daniel Suárez, 583.
12. William Byron, 568.
13. Joey Logano, 545.
14. Bubba Wallace, 540.
15. Shane Van Gisbergen, 537.
16. Austin Cindric, 518.
17. Ryan Preece, 480.
18. Erik Jones, 474.
19. Brad Keselowski, 468.
20. Michael McDowell, 442.
21. Ross Chastain, 436.
22. AJ Allmendinger, 409.
23. Todd Gilliland, 406.
24. Zane Smith, 393.
25. Riley Herbst, 370.
26. Ricky Stenhouse Jr, 364.
27. John H. Nemechek, 355.
28. Austin Dillon, 349.
29. Alex Bowman, 310.
30. Cole Custer, 270.
31. Noah Gragson, 268.
32. Ty Dillon, 266.
33. Josh Berry, 264.
34. Connor Zilisch, 216.
35. Cody Ware, 183.
36. Casey Mears, 12.
37. Kevin Magnussen, 11.
38. Jimmie Johnson, 9.
39. Katherine Legge, 8.
40. BJ McLeod, 4.

NASCAR O'Reilly Series

POINTS LEADERS

Through Monday.

1. Justin Allgaier, 1016 (6).
2. Carson Kvapil, 751 (1).
3. Jesse Love, 747 (0).
4. Sheldon Creed, 733 (1).
5. Corey Day, 719 (2).
6. Brandon Jones, 692 (1).
7. Austin Hill, 688 (2).
8. Sammy Smith, 658 (0).
9. Parker Retzlaff, 619 (0).
10. Sam Mayer, 589 (0).
11. Brent Crews, 573 (0).
12. Taylor Gray, 567 (1).
13. William Sawalich, 560 (1).
14. Rajah Caruth, 547 (0).
15. Ryan Sieg, 493 (0).
16. Anthony Alfredo, 446 (0).
17. Brennan Poole, 394 (0).
18. Dean Thompson, 389 (0).
19. Jeremy Clements, 373 (0).
20. Jeb Burton, 338 (0).
21. Harrison Burton, 338 (0).
22. Blaine Perkins, 316 (0).
23. Patrick Staropoli, 310 (0).
24. Josh Bilicki, 273 (0).
25. Austin Green, 262 (0).
26. Lavar Scott, 246 (0).
27. Kyle Sieg, 245 (0).
28. Ryan Ellis, 221 (0).
29. Nicholas Sanchez, 155 (0).
30. Garrett Smithley, 155 (0).
31. Joey Gase, 132 (0).
32. Josh Williams, 129 (0).
33. Mason Maggio, 102 (0).
34. Alex Labbe, 93 (0).
35. JJ Yeley, 81 (0).
36. Andrew Patterson, 72 (0).
37. Nathan Byrd, 67 (0).
38. Preston Pardus, 52 (0).
39. Dawson Cram, 52 (0).
40. Myatt Snider, 49 (0).
41. Jordan Anderson, 43 (0).
42. Will Rodgers, 41 (0).
43. Brad Perez, 36 (0).
44. David Starr, 33 (0).
45. Lee Pulliam, 32 (0).
46. Luke Fenhaus, 31 (0).
47. Blake Lothian, 30 (0).
48. Glen Reen, 29 (0).
49. Carson Ware, 29 (0).
50. Logan Bearden, 19 (0).
51. Jesse Iwuji, 12 (0).
52. Gray Gaulding, 9 (0).
53. Alex Guenette, 9 (0).
54. Dexter Bean, 7 (0).
55. CJ McLaughlin, 7 (0).
56. Jake Finch, 7 (0).
57. Cleetus McFarland, 7 (0).
58. Derek White, 5 (0).
59. Baltazar Leguizamón, 5 (0).
60. Tyler Tomassi, 4 (0).
61. Austin J Hill, 4 (0).
62. Kyle Kelley, 3 (0).
63. Sage Karam, 2 (0).
64. Matt Wilson, 1 (0).

Formula One

POINTS LEADERS

Through Sunday.

1. Andrea Kimi Antonelli, 219.
2. Lewis Hamilton, 169.
3. George Russell, 160.
4. Charles Leclerc, 138.
5. Lando Norris, 128.
6. Max Verstappen, 109.
7. Oscar Piastri, 92.
8. Isack Hadjar, 68.
9. Liam Lawson, 43.
10. Pierre Gasly, 42.
11. Arvid Lindblad, 23.
12. Franco Colapinto, 19.
13. Oliver Bearman, 18.
14. Gabriel Bortoleto, 10.
15. Carlos Sainz Jr., 6.
16. Alexander Albon, 5.

IndyCar

POINTS LEADERS

Through Sunday.

1. Alex Palou, 457.
2. David Malukas, 374.
3. Kyle Kirkwood, 370.
4. Christian Lundgaard, 353.
5. Pato O'Ward, 336.
6. Josef Newgarden, 310.
7. Felix Rosenqvist, 296.
8. Scott McLaughlin, 295.
9. Marcus Ericsson, 250.
10. Rinus VeeKay, 237.
11. Scott Dixon, 236.
12. Graham Rahal, 229.
13. Marcus Armstrong, 225.
14. Will Power, 220.
15. Kyffin Simpson, 216.
16. Alexander Rossi, 197.
17. Santino Ferrucci, 196.
18. Louis Foster, 173.
19. Nolan Siegel, 164.
20. Dennis Hauger, 157.
21. Romain Grosjean, 155.
22. Christian Rasmussen, 151.
23. Caio Collet, 137.
24. Mick Schumacher, 132.
25. Sting Ray Robb, 123.
26. Conor Daly, 24.
27. Takuma Sato, 20.
28. Jack Harvey, 8.
29. Jacob Abel, 6.

SOCCER

MLS

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	10	3	3	33	37	16
Los Angeles FC	10	5	3	33	34	18
San Jose	10	4	3	33	35	20
Real Salt Lake	8	6	2	26	28	24
Houston	8	6	2	26	23	24
FC Dallas	7	5	5	26	32	25
St. Louis City SC	7	6	4	25	23	23
Seattle	7	6	3	24	19	20
Minnesota United	6	6	5	23	19	24
Portland	6	8	3	21	31	32
LA Galaxy	5	7	6	21	24	29
San Diego FC	5	7	5	20	31	28
Colorado	6	10	1	19	26	25
Austin FC	4	8	5	17	22	35
Sporting KC	4	11	2	14	18	44

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	12	2	3	39	33	12
Inter Miami CF	11	2	4	37	43	30
New England	9	5	2	29	26	19
Chicago	8	6	2	26	30	22
New York City FC	7	6	4	25	30	23
Charlotte FC	7	6	4	25	28	25
Cincinnati	6	6	5	23	41	42
New York	6	7	4	22	26	37
D.C. United	5	5	7	22	24	27
Orlando City	6	9	2	20	28	44
Columbus	5	8	4	19	24	26
Toronto FC	3	7	7	16	23	31
CF Montreal	4	10	3	15	22	33
Philadelphia	3	10	4	13	22	31
Atlanta	3	11	3	12	17	30

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

D.C. United 1, at Houston 1
at Cincinnati 4, Vancouver 3
New York City FC 2, at Columbus 1
at Miami 3, Chicago 2
Toronto FC 0, at New England 0
at Philadelphia 3, New York 1
Atlanta 2, at Charlotte FC 2
at Sporting KC 2, Minnesota 1
at Nashville 1, CF Montreal 0
at Austin FC 3, Seattle 1
at Colorado 1, San Diego FC 0
St. Louis City SC 3, at LA Galaxy 1
at Los Angeles FC 3, Real Salt Lake 1
FC Dallas 2, at Portland 2
Orlando City 4, at San Jose 0

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

at D.C. United 2, Toronto FC 1
Charlotte FC 2, at New York 0
at Columbus 2, Cincinnati 1
Miami 1, at CF Montreal 0
at New England 4, Atlanta 1
at New York City FC 3, Chicago 1
at Philadelphia 1, Seattle 0
at Houston 3, Austin FC 0
Vancouver 0, at Minnesota 0
at St. Louis City SC 1, Colorado 0
at Orlando City 1, Nashville 0
at San Diego FC 1, FC Dallas 0
at Los Angeles FC 4, Sporting KC 0
at Portland 2, Real Salt Lake 1
LA Galaxy 1, at San Jose 1

FRIDAY'S MATCH

Toronto FC at New York City FC, 7:30

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Nashville at D.C. United, 7:30
San Jose at Cincinnati, 7:30
Columbus at Miami, 7:30
New England at CF Montreal, 7:30
Orlando City at New York, 7:30
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:30
Los Angeles FC at Vancouver, 7:30
Charlotte FC at Chicago, 8:30
Houston at Sporting KC, 8:30
San Diego FC at Minnesota, 8:30
Real Salt Lake at St. Louis City SC, 8:30
Austin FC at Colorado, 9:30
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 10:30
Seattle at Portland, 10:45

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	10	3	3	33	25	12
x-Gotham FC	9	3	4	31	21	12
Utah	9	4	3	30	26	17
San Diego	9	6	2	29	23	19
Portland	8	5	4	28	27	20
Kansas City	9	7	1	28	28	24
Orlando	7	8	2	23	22	21
Angel City	7	7	1	22	23	16
North Carolina	6	6	3	21	21	23
Seattle	6	7	2	20	17	19
Denver	5	6	4	19	21	20
Houston	5	7	4	19	19	24
Boston	5	8	4	19	18	23
x-Bay FC	5	7	3	18	16	20
Chicago	4	12	0	12	8	31
Louisville	3	11	2	11	19	33

x-Late match

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

at Houston 1, Bay FC 0
at Orlando 1, Chicago 0
Gotham FC 2, at Portland 2

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

at Boston 1, Kansas City 0
Utah 4, at North Carolina 1

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

at Washington 1, Denver 0
Seattle 2, at San Diego 0
Louisville 2, at Angel City 1

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington at Utah, ppd.
at Kansas City 5, Louisville 1
Gotham FC at Bay FC, late

FRIDAY'S MATCH

Orlando at North Carolina, 8

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Chicago at Louisville, 4
Angel City at Kansas City, 6:30
Gotham FC at Houston, 8
Seattle at Bay FC, 8:45

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

San Diego at Washington, 4
Portland at Utah, 7
Boston at Denver, 9

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH

North Carolina at Denver, 10

FRIDAY, AUG. 7

Louisville at Orlando, 7
San Diego at Gotham FC, 8

SATURDAY, AUG. 8

North Carolina at Washington, 6:30
Utah at Denver Summit FC, 4
Kansas City at Houston, 8:45

SUNDAY, AUG. 9

Portland at Boston, 4
Bay FC at Chicago, 7
Angel City at Seattle, 9

USL Championship

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	10	2	5	35	28	15
Charleston	8	6	3	27	32	24
Detroit City FC	8	5	3	27	23	15
Louisville	8	6	3	27	28	26
Pittsburgh	7	8	2	23	19	20
Rhode Island FC	6	5	4	22	25	18
Miami	5	7	6	21	22	29
Indy	6	6	3	21	18	17
Hartford	4	4	8	20	12	14
Loudoun	2	5	9	15	19	29
Birmingham	2	6	8	14	17	21
Brooklyn FC	3	9	4	13	17	27
Sporting Jax	1	12	5	8	23	46

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Orange County	8	2	7	31	27	19
San Antonio	7	3	7	28	22	19
Tulsa	7	4	5	26	19	16
Colorado Springs	7	5	4	25	28	23
New Mexico	7	4	3	24	19	15
Sacramento	6	4	5	23	19	15
Lexington SC	6	6	4	22	24	20
El Paso	6	6	4	22	27	25
Oakland	5	6	6	21	25	27
Phoenix	5	6	6	21	23	24
Las Vegas	6	7	3	21	24	26
Monterey Bay FC	4	10	3	15	17	27

x-Late match

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Tulsa 1, at Pittsburgh 0
at Louisville 2, Birmingham 1

FRIDAY'S MATCHES

Indy at San Antonio, 9

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Hartford at Loudoun, 7
Monterey Bay FC at Lexington SC, 7
Detroit City FC at Miami, 7
Brooklyn FC at Charleston, 7:30
Rhode Island FC at Birmingham, 8
Louisville at Tampa Bay, 8
Colorado at New Mexico, 9:30
Pittsburgh at Oakland, 10
El Paso at Orange County, 10
Phoenix at Las Vegas, 10:30
Sporting Jax at Sacramento, 11

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES

Sacramento at Tulsa, 8:30
Monterey Bay FC at El Paso, 9
Oakland at Las Vegas, 10:30

TENNIS

DC Open

At William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center
Purse: $2,488,125
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32

Alex de Minaur (1), Australia, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16

Lorenzo Musetti (4), Italy, def. Aleksandar Vukic, Australia, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3; Taylor Fritz (3), United States, def. Kamil Majchrzak, Poland, 6-3, 6-4; Rafael Jodar, Spain, def. Kei Nishikori, Japan, 6-3, 6-2; Alex Michelsen, United States, def. Adrian Mannarino, France, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16

Liudmila Samsonova, Russia, def. Wang Xinyu, China, 6-2, 6-2; Alexandra Eala, Philippines, def. Leylah Fernandez (7), Canada, 6-2, 7-6 (1); Elisabetta Cocciaretto, Italy, def. Emma Navarro (8), United States, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Naomi Osaka (3), Japan, def. Ashlyn Krueger, United States, 6-3, 3-1, ret.

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16

Ariel Behar, Uruguay, and Anirudh Chandrasekar, India, def. Francisco Cabral, Portugal, and James Tracy, United States, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 10-8; Fabien Reboul and Sadio Doumbia, France, def. Fernando Romboli, Brazil, and John-Patrick Smith, Australia, 6-3, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS

Nikola Mektic, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek, United States, def. Christian Harrison, United States, and Neal Skupski (2), Britain, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS

Aldila Sutjiadi, Indonesia, and Erin Routliffe (2), New Zealand, def. Alana Smith and Clervie Ngounoue, United States, 6-3, 6-2; Zhang Shuai, China, and Janice Tjen (3), Indonesia, def. Miyu (1994) Kato, Japan, and Giuliana Olmos, Mexico, 4-6, 6-2, 10-0; Xu Yifan and Qianhui Tang, China, def. Venus Williams, United States, and Diana Shnaider, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

ATP

MIFEL TENNIS OPEN
TUESDAY'S RESULTS

At Solaz Resort & Spa Los Cabos (Mexico)
Purse: $909,790
Surface: Hardcourt outdoor

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32

Edward Winter, Australia, def. Moise Kouame, France, 6-1, 6-4; James Duckworth, Australia, def. Aidan Mayo, United States, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; Rodrigo Pacheco Mendez, Mexico, def. Sho Shimabukuro, Japan, 6-7 (7-4), 7-5, 6-2; Jenson Brooksby, United States, def. Corentin Moutet (6), France, 6-4, 6-4; Arthur Gea, France, def. Kwon Soon Woo, South Korea, 6-4, 6-7 (10-8), 6-2; Denis Shapovalov (8), Canada, def. Rinky Hijikata, Australia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Michael Zhe

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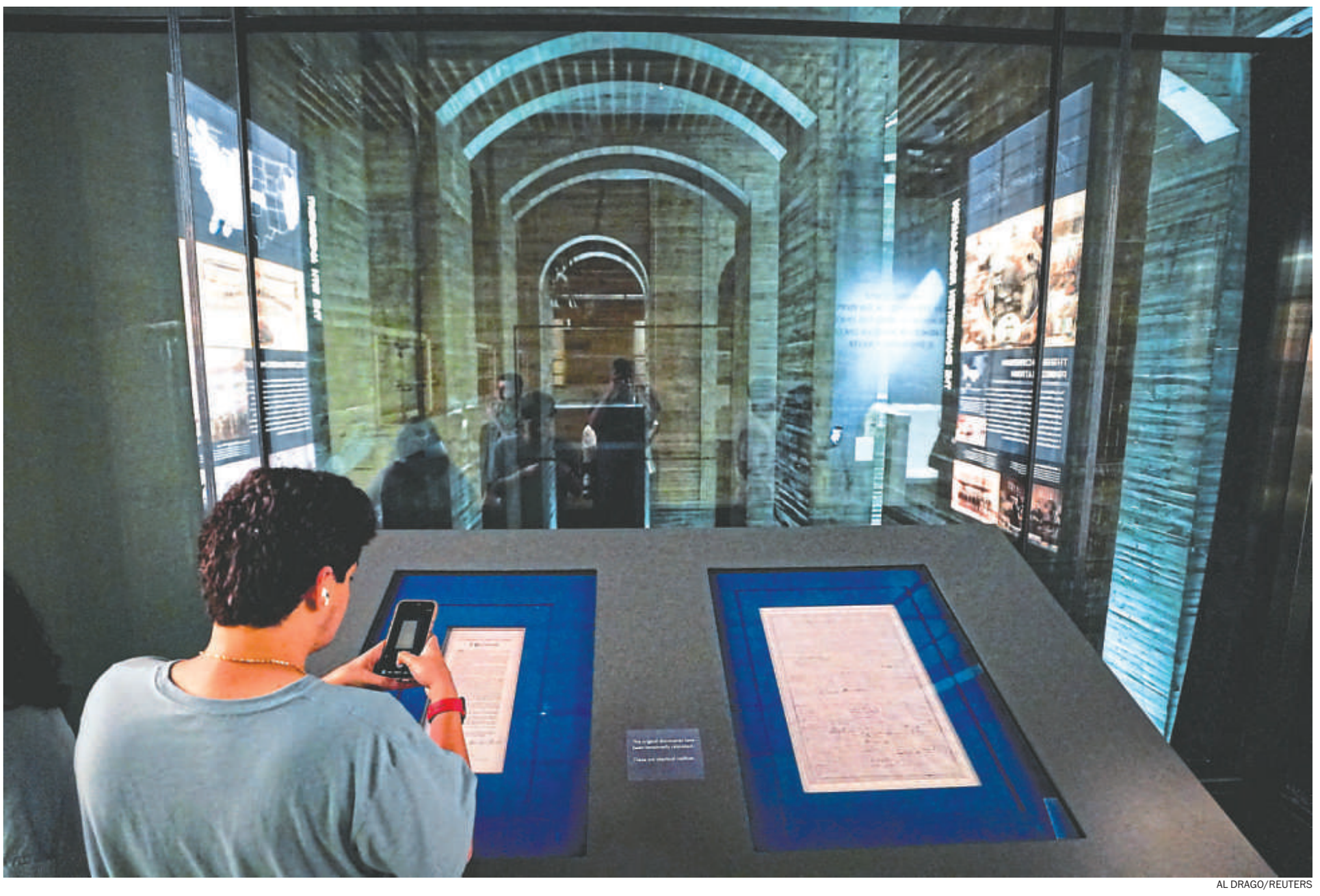
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A visitor takes a photo earlier this month of a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation when it was on display in the Lincoln Memorial undercroft.

Historic documents inspected after exposure to unsafe heat levels

They were on display at the Lincoln Memorial undercroft, then removed and found to be undamaged

BY MICHAEL E. RUANE

Two historic documents signed by Abraham Lincoln that were removed from the Lincoln Memorial on July 16 after being exposed to unsafe heat levels were undamaged, a spokesperson for the donor said Monday morning.

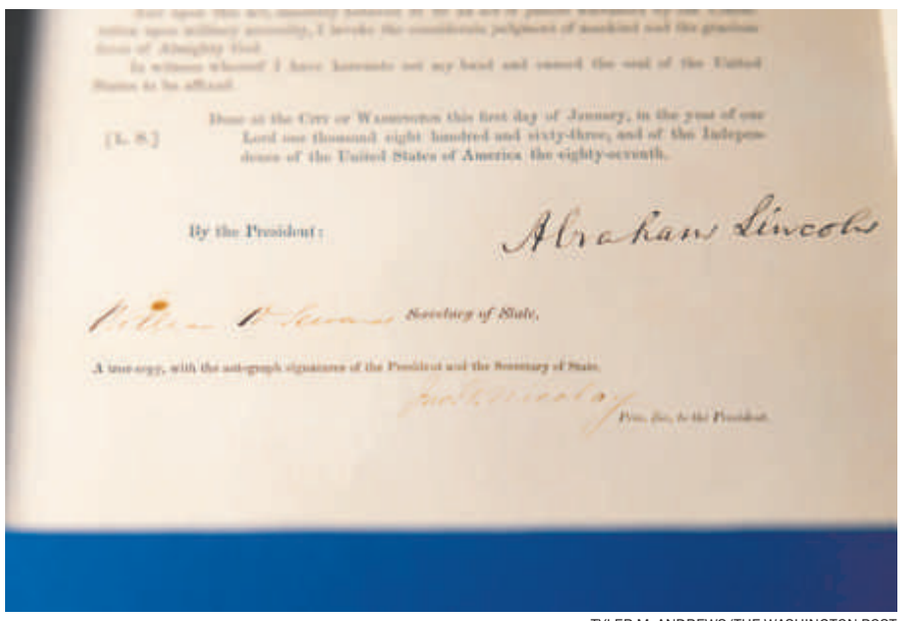
The documents — a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation and a copy of the 13th Amendment, which eradicated slavery in the United States — were in excellent condition, the spokesperson said in statement.

Both documents date to the 1860s.

"After thorough review of the documents, experts confirmed that the environmental fluctuations did not impact their condition and they remain pristine," the statement said.

The documents had been removed from the memorial after temperatures in their display cases reached unsafe levels, officials have said. A person with knowledge of the situation, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly, said it was not known yet when the documents would be returned.

The documents were purchased at auction last year for a reported $18 million by billionaire philanthropist Kenneth C. Griffin. They were loaned for public exhibition in a new space in the undercroft beneath the memorial.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A copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln, on display at the Lincoln Memorial undercroft on June 18.

$10M more sought for Freedom 250 events

INTERIOR DEPT. HAS ASKED CONGRESS

Funds would help with security costs, officials say

BY DAN DIAMOND

The Trump administration is asking Congress for an additional $10 million to cover costs related to Freedom 250 events recently held on the National Mall, including a prayer event, a fair and a fireworks show.

Sen. Jeff Merkley (Oregon), the top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that oversees funding for the Mall, said an earlier request from the administration was presented to Congress last week as part of a broader request for short-term funding across the government. That request, which asked for an unspecified amount of funding "to recoup costs associated with support of events celebrating America's Semiquincentennial," prompted questions about why the additional funds were needed, Merkley said.

In a briefing with Merkley's office, Interior Department staff said that the money was needed to cover routine National Park Service costs incurred during the Rededicate 250 prayer event, the Great American State Fair, and the July Fourth Salute to America, according to Merkley.

Those events were organized by Freedom 250, a public-private partnership launched by the White House in December to mark the nation's 250th anniversary. The group — which has partly supplanted a bipartisan group created by Congress a decade ago to help coordinate anniversary events — has orga-

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TODAY'S WEATHER

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
73°	81°	86°	82°

High today at approx. 4 p.m.: **86°**
Precip: **0%** Wind: **NW 8-16 mph**

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Phil Berkheimer, who led a life full of service and leadership, was 84. **B17**

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Thomas Nolan, a longtime social service lobbyist in Illinois, was 83. **B17**

Good riddance to the 'people mover' shuttles at Dulles Airport, travelers say

An announced overhaul would do away with the much-criticized vehicles

BY LIAM SCOTT

Good riddance to the people movers. That was the sentiment among many travelers at Dulles International Airport on Wednesday morning, hours before plans to eliminate the long-criticized shuttles were confirmed at an Oval Office news briefing.

"I hate them. I want them to go away," said Virginia resident Richard Wayne Hayes Jr., who was at the airport headed to Germany. A few months ago, Hayes said, he was stuck in a people mover for about 45 minutes on the tarmac. "Everybody was just about to lose their minds," he said.

Later in the afternoon, Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy confirmed the removal of the shuttles, as President Donald Trump announced at a White House briefing a multibillion-dollar plan to overhaul the airport, including building new terminals.

"It's time to ensure that the United States has the greatest airports anywhere in the world, and we're starting right here with the capital city," Trump said.

Trump said the overhaul was needed because Dulles was in such bad shape. "Whether you're a Republican or Democrat, you don't want to go and be subjected to this airport because this airport is a terrible place to be," he said.

Under his plan, the current underground train would be fully built out to take passengers to their terminals — rather than relying on the people movers — and Concourses C and D would be completely replaced. The original terminal, though, would be preserved, Trump said.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority said the initiative would cost at least $20 billion.

Opened in 1962, Dulles is about 25 miles from downtown Washington and is run by MWAA. Last year, the airport served more than 29 million passengers, a record, according to MWAA.

People movers, also known as mobile lounges, are a unique feature to Dulles. Originally designed by Finnish architect Eero Saarinen in 1958, the modernist airport was built without any concourses or gates. The people movers were created as a solution for moving passengers between the airport terminals and planes.

"Movers were considered cutting edge at that time. But like a lot of technological innovations, they don't work out as well as you had imagined," said Janet Bednarek, an airport historian and professor at the University of Dayton.

If Washingtonians have a love-hate relationship with Dulles —

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A "people mover" shuttle on Wednesday at Washington Dulles International Airport.

Officials seek extra funds for Freedom 250 events

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nized initiatives and projects shaped by President Donald Trump, such as the July Fourth fireworks show that Trump pledged would be the largest in history.

The Great American State Fair, a 16-day event extolled by the president, was beset by poor weather and saw periods of strikingly low attendance.

Asked about the funding request, the Interior Department told The Washington Post on Wednesday that the extra funding was needed to help address security needs, citing recent threats against high-profile events such as the UFC event held outside the White House and the attempted shooting at the White House correspondents' dinner.

"Given the elevated security threats against high-profile events in Washington, D.C. …an elevated security posture was needed to ensure the safety of the public at these events. This funding would help address the expenditures associated with the elevated security posture," the department wrote in an email.

Merkley on Wednesday wrote to Interior Secretary Doug Burgum, asking how past funds set aside for Freedom 250 had been spent, in a letter shared with The Post. The One Big Beautiful Bill, which Republicans passed last summer without Democratic votes, set aside $150 million for the Interior Department for events and activities related to the semiquincentennial.

Much of that funding has been redirected to Freedom 250, which has also solicited donors and received financial support from major corporations.

"It is unacceptable to ask the American people to bail out Freedom 250," Merkley wrote, asking for more details on why the administration was requesting the funds and how past money had been spent. "Congress already appropriated $150 million — without bipartisan input — with the administration promising that private donors would help finance the rest."

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Officials are asking Congress for more funds to cover costs related to Freedom 250 events, including the Great American State Fair.

Travelers voice support for removing 'people mover' shuttles at Dulles Airport

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due to it offering international flights but being farther from the city than Reagan Washington National Airport — the general sentiment toward the people movers tends to just be hate. One traveler after another at the airport expressed that sentiment on Wednesday.

"They're old and outdated, not all that comfortable, and honestly, not a great ride if you're in the middle hanging on for dear life," said Virginia resident Rich Johnson, who was traveling to Toronto.

Last November, a people mover crashed into a concourse dock, sending at least 18 people to the hospital. All of the injuries were non-life-threatening, MWAA said at the time. Trent Morse, a former White House official appointed by Trump to MWAA's board, told The Washington Post last year that the incident was another reason to get rid of shuttles that were slow, old and dangerous.

Chris Sorels, who was dropping off his friend at the airport Wednesday, said he thought the cost estimate for the overhaul was "exorbitant," but he, too, was happy that the people movers' days were numbered.

"I hate the people movers. They're old. They get into accidents. Usually people are falling over when it moves. It's very outdated," Sorels said.

Brenda Gonzalez had one of her first experiences on a people mover around 1 a.m. Wednesday, when her Delta flight from Houston to LaGuardia Airport in New York was diverted to Dulles. She wasn't a fan. "It's horrible, and it's hilarious," she said.

She said she was going to New York to celebrate her boyfriend's birthday. "I currently have a cake in my carry-on that I was supposed to get him yesterday," said Gonzalez, who was rebooked to fly to New York midday Wednesday.

A Delta ground crew employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press, said they were thrilled about the prospect of no longer needing to deal with the people movers on the tarmac.

"There's so many out there. You're always waiting for them, dodging them. They drive too fast. You don't know when they're going to turn. They don't use turn signals," the employee said.

People mover sympathizers were few and far between, but United employee Colin Bellows said he would be sad to see them go. "I love them. I think they should stay forever. They're really iconic for this airport," he said.

Although travelers were happy about the end of people movers, as well as broader improvements to the airport, some said they disliked that the Trump-approved design calls for gold accents throughout the airport.

"It's hideous. It's pretentious. It's fake. What a waste of money," said Trisha Benish, who was flying home to Wisconsin.

Airports are often symbols of the cities that they serve, according to Bednarek. Dulles was intended to evoke the modernism of the United States, and gold doesn't evoke modernism or America, she said.

"When I see all that gold, I think Palace of Versailles," she said. "It's not, to me, an American architectural motif."

Malcolm Taylor, who lives near Annapolis and was traveling to Seattle, said he just hoped the airport wouldn't be renamed after Trump. (Politico reported in February that Trump wanted the airport renamed in his honor.)

"I'll never fly out of here if they name it after him," Taylor said.

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Visual renderings of Washington Dulles International Airport. President Donald Trump announced Wednesday at a White House briefing a multibillion-dollar plan to overhaul the airport, including building new terminals.

MARYLAND

Possible safety improvements being reviewed after Baltimore County crashes

Residents and local leaders want faster action

BY BRIAN CARLTON
Baltimore Sun

Weeks after bus crashes sent vehicles into commercial buildings in Baltimore County, officials are reviewing possible safety improvements along the roads where the collisions occurred, but residents and local leaders want faster action on corridors they say have long been dangerous.

The crashes, one on Reisterstown Road in Pikesville and another on Harford Road in Parkville, renewed concerns about congestion, turn restrictions, speeding and road design along two heavily traveled corridors.

The Maryland State Highway Administration said it is reviewing both crash sites for potential safety improvements, including traffic-calming measures on Reisterstown Road and possible upgrades near the Harford Road crash site.

But residents who regularly travel the roads say many of the problems revealed by the crashes existed long before them.

Repeated safety concerns

On Reisterstown Road, drivers and business owners have pointed to congestion, sudden lane changes and illegal left turns as recurring safety concerns.

Residents said motorists making prohibited turns often create backups and force other drivers to swerve around stopped vehicles. Others said they regularly see drivers ignore restrictions intended to reduce crashes.

In December, a 22-year-old man driving south on Reisterstown Road was killed when his vehicle struck an SUV making a left turn from the Interstate 695 westbound exit ramp.

Later that month, a Baltimore County Fire Department vehicle rolled over at Reisterstown Road and Naylors Lane, sending two people to the hospital.

The Maryland State Highway Administration said it previously took steps to address some of the corridor's safety concerns, including posting signs in 2018 restricting left turns at four intersections. The agency also installed reflective flexible posts to restrict left turns from an unsignalized intersection on Old Court Road.

"The geometric nature of MD 140 (Reisterstown Road), in addition to the increased congestion levels during peak travel periods, naturally reduces speeds along the corridor through downtown Pikesville," SHA spokesperson Charlie Gischlar said in an email to the Baltimore Sun.

He said the speed limit drops from 35 mph to 30 mph at Naylors Lane, and that the state is reviewing Maryland Route 140 from Interstate 695 to Old Court Road for possible traffic-calming measures.

SHA also is finalizing design work on a larger corridor improvement project along Maryland Route 140 from I-695 to the Baltimore City line. The project would include resurfacing, signal reconstruction, Americans With Disabilities Act ramp upgrades, new pedestrian signals and highly visible "continental" crosswalks.

The project is expected to be advertised in 2028.

County leaders call for faster action

Baltimore County Councilman Julian Jones said transportation officials should move quickly when safety concerns are identified, regardless of whether a roadway falls under county or state control.

"On county roads, we should move quickly to make whatever engineering, traffic, or safety improvements are warranted," Jones said. "Where the responsibility rests with the State, Baltimore County should be an active partner, advocating for the improvements we know our communities need and ensuring those projects continue moving with the urgency they deserve."

Regarding Maryland Route 147 (Harford Road), SHA said it is reviewing the area where the crash occurred for potential safety improvements. The agency said that, as funding becomes available, it will work to fund recommended improvements that could enhance safety.

Businesses recover after crashes

The two crashes also disrupted nearby businesses, though officials said repairs have allowed affected locations to reopen.

Baltimore County spokesperson Dakarai Turner said the FedEx building on Reisterstown Road was initially deemed unsafe after the July crash but has since been cleared for occupancy following structural repairs.

"The FedEx building was initially deemed unsafe following the crash, but the necessary structural repairs have since been completed and the building has been cleared for occupancy," Turner said. "Final repairs are still underway."

The pharmacy damaged in the Harford Road crash was never declared unsafe because it did not sustain structural damage, Turner said. Final repairs there are also continuing.

FedEx spokesperson Heather Wilson said the company's Pikesville location reopened after completing repairs and safety inspections.

"During the temporary closure, affected team members were provided work opportunities at nearby FedEx Office locations," Wilson said.

Wilson said everyone inside the store at the time of the crash was unharmed.

"We remain grateful that everyone inside our store at the time of the incident was unharmed, and our thoughts remain with all those impacted by this accident," she said.

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VIRGINIA

ODU didn't know about student's conviction before shooting, report says

Gunman who killed ROTC instructor faced terrorism-related charge

BY SARAH RANKIN
Associated Press

RICHMOND — Law enforcement officials did not inform a Virginia university of the terrorism-related conviction of a student who went on to open fire in an ROTC class in March, a report released Tuesday found. The attack injured two students and killed an Army veteran instructor who fought back with what the investigation called "extraordinary heroism."

The federal probation officer working with Mohamed Bailor Jalloh, who spent eight years in prison for attempting to aid the Islamic State, did not share Jalloh's criminal background with Old Dominion University, despite the serious nature of the offense, according to the report, which was produced by the law firm Cooley on behalf of the university.

No federal or state law enforcement agency reported his prior conviction to the university, and the university did not ask the student about whether he had a prior criminal history, in part because state law bans those type of questions on college applications, the report said.

Jalloh, who died in the March attack, had attended the public university in Norfolk beginning in 2007, was suspended in 2010 and was readmitted to the school last year, after his early release from prison in December 2024.

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Police arrive at Old Dominion University on March 12 after reports of a shooter, later identified as Mohamed Bailor Jalloh, who had spent eight years in prison for attempting to aid the Islamic State.

Virginia restricts the questions a university can ask students

State law prohibited the university from inquiring about student criminal history before admission or readmission, according to the report. The university, which does not conduct background checks on admitted students, can ask readmitted students to voluntarily disclose their criminal history but did not at the time, the report said.

That's part of why the university "had no knowledge of the risk Jalloh posed or his federal terrorism conviction," the report said. Had officials known, it's likely they would have sought his removal from campus, it said.

"Given that Virginia law requires universities to rely on student self-disclosure, it is even more important that other law enforcement agencies ensure that information that universities need to know to safeguard their students is shared with universities. This critical failure led to tragic consequences here," the report said.

Report says release conditions required disclosure

Citing academic research, the report noted there are a relatively small number of terrorism defendants on supervised release, "and it should be feasible to ensure that those defendants are closely supervised."

Officials with the FBI, which the report said investigated Jalloh's original offense, didn't respond to emailed requests for comment about the report's findings.

Paul Arnett, the chief U.S. probation officer for Virginia's Eastern District federal court, reached briefly by phone, requested questions about the report's findings in writing, which the AP provided. Several hours later, he had not responded.

The report noted that among the standard conditions of Jalloh's release was one requiring that he "notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by his criminal record or personal history or characteristics" as directed by his probation officer.

Jalloh, a former member of the Virginia National Guard, was sentenced to 11 years in prison after pleading guilty in 2017 to providing material support to a designated foreign terrorist organization, the Islamic State group, according to prison records. He completed a drug-treatment program that allowed him early release from federal prison.

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>
> **Brian O. Hemphill,** president of Old Dominion University

Army veteran was killed while protecting his students

On March 12, Jalloh waited outside the ROTC classroom for 13 minutes as other students passed him, the report said. Then he entered, asked whether it was an ROTC class and after students answered affirmatively, he opened fire, according to authorities and the report. It appears he acted alone, the report said.

The investigation also highlighted what it called the "extraordinary heroism and bravery" shown by the cadets and Lt. Col. Brandon Shah, the instructor who was killed. The report said their actions prevented further loss of life.

Shah, who was shot multiple times, "immediately grappled with the attacker, which allowed other brave students to come to his aid and many other students to escape unharmed," the report said. Authorities and cadets who were in the room said they stabbed and disarmed Jalloh, the report said.

Cadets tried to save Shah's life but he died at a hospital, the report said.

Family members of Shah could not be reached for comment. An Old Dominion graduate and former Army pilot, he flew hundreds of hours on combat missions before returning to the university to lead the Army ROTC battalion, according to a biography published by the university.

While the report noted that the university's police department responded "almost immediately and effectively," it also said ODU's safety and emergency response protocols have elements that can lead to confusion and recommended improvements.

It called for streamlining the system for emergency notifications and strengthening patient transport protocols. The report said while Shah received tireless medical aid, there was a delay in getting the instructor into an ambulance.

"The campus community has my complete assurance that we will act quickly to fully implement Cooley's recommendations as we actively work to make our campus as safe and secure as possible," university President Brian O. Hemphill said in a statement.

Proponents say admissions system banning forced disclosure is fair

Many U.S. universities ask prospective students to reveal their criminal pasts during admissions, but the law in Virginia and at least eight other states prohibits or limits such disclosures, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Supporters say the ban gives all applicants a fair shot.

The report said ODU does not conduct background checks on students after they are admitted, calling such a step "unfeasible" because they can take weeks and raising questions about whether doing so might violate the law.

MARYLAND

Some condominium owners frustrated by HOA boards' expanding powers

Fees and assessments can easily turn disputes into financial crises

BY LORRAINE MIRABELLA
Baltimore Sun

Aaron Davis fought his Baltimore condominium association over unresolved repairs and debt for more than two years.

It took just minutes, though, for his garden apartment to sell at foreclosure on the courthouse steps.

Besides the auctioneer and a deputy sheriff, only a few observers and an attorney for the Regency Condominium stood in the drizzle May 6 on North Calvert Street. Davis was at work, believing he'd legally stopped the sheriff's sale. Instead, the attorney bought back the three-bedroom condo on his client's behalf for $10,000. It was the only bid.

A dispute between Davis and the Regency that ended in foreclosure had started months earlier when he disagreed with management about repairs to a leak in Davis's master bath ceiling. He'd bought his condo in the city's Fallstaff neighborhood for $130,000 in 2021 as an affordable first home, which the state valued at $161,300 last year. The dispute grew into a costly court fight that pitted him against the board and its attorneys.

"This is probably the worst financial decision I've made yet," said Davis, who in late July remained in his home waiting for the Circuit Court to approve the sale.

Homeowner and condo associations foreclose on properties as a last resort to recover unpaid monthly fees and special assessments, in a legal process similar to mortgage repossessions. That played out after Davis failed to make payments and ignored court judgments, said Thomas J. Newton, the Regency's attorney with Oliveri & Larsen.

"Under the law every condominium has a right to place liens, and the Regency did," he said. The condo "placed two liens, and he continued to not pay."

For Maryland homeowners, buying into a community governed by an association came with promises of shared amenities, maintenance and a voice in community life. But a few dozen homeowners interviewed by the Baltimore Sun said they instead found boards and management companies that lack transparency, limit communication, ignore bylaws and make financial decisions that have led to skyrocketing unexpected bills.

Maryland's laws also have increasingly shifted power toward HOA boards, giving them broad authority over finances, rulemaking and enforcement with limited oversight, housing advocates said. As fees and assessments rise, homeowners say they have fewer ways to hold associations accountable, fueling concerns that more residents will eventually be priced out of their homes.

"The HOA industry has way more power than the actual property owners, and there's something backward about that," said Carol Kaplan, co-founder of CHARM Maryland, an advocacy group seeking state oversight of HOAs and changes to laws it says favor boards and managers.

Daren Mills, another apartment owner at the Regency, a brick, 1950s-era complex, said he fell behind on payments as condo fees jumped by nearly $500 per month. Mills, a veteran on a fixed income, worries about losing his home. In March 2025, the Regency placed a lien of more than $19,000 on his property.

Court records show Mills owed $7,846 for delinquent assessments for 10 months in 2024. When the lien was filed, he owed another $632 in interest, $784 in late fees — and $9,907 in attorney's fees and collection costs. The charges are allowed under state law, the Regency's bylaws and the Maryland Condominium Act, which governs how condos are formed and managed.

Mills said he had planned to move his 81-year-old mother into his one-level apartment.

"I don't know whether my property will be repossessed and I'll have to move. If I have to get out, what would I do with my furniture, my stuff, my dog?"

Unlike most property claims, condo and homeowners associations can place liens in land records in Maryland without going to court. Homeowners have limited time to respond with a lawsuit, said attorney Matthew D. Skipper. Once the process starts, it can be nearly impossible for a homeowner to appeal, said Skipper, whose Crofton-based Skipper Law represents homeowners in community association cases.

Because monthly association fees are continuing obligations, "It's debtor's prison," for many who fall behind, Skipper said. "It's almost impossible to challenge."

What happened after the Surfside, Florida, condominium disaster

A group of condo owners at the Village of Cross Keys in North Baltimore dubbed themselves the Cross Keys Ladies after lawmakers and staff in Maryland's General Assembly began referring to them that way. Four years ago, the threat of skyrocketing monthly condo fees and other concerns drove them to Annapolis to advocate for homeowners.

"You hear about the sky-high fees. ... You hear about boards doing outrageous things and not complying with the law, you hear about boards not communicating with owners, and it's all true," said Jeanne Hyatt, a 40-year homeowner in the community of shops, offices and high-rise, garden apartment and townhouse condos, who has served on boards herself. "To me, it's all based on one big problem: the boards' 100 percent unlimited power to do whatever they want."

About one-quarter of owner-occupied households in the United States belonged to homeowners associations in 2024, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The governing bodies — typically volunteer unit owners — maintain living standards through bylaws that residents must abide by or face fines, care for community assets and protect property values.

The Foundation for Community Association Research, a nonprofit working toward successful, sustainable communities, has found that associations benefit broader regions by absorbing millions of dollars in infrastructure and service costs taxpayers would otherwise pay.

Some homeowners say protective measures implemented in the wake of the June 2021 Champlain Towers South condo disaster in Florida are being too broadly applied in Maryland, causing condo fees and assessments to spike.

Under a 2022 law aimed at preventing incidents such as the deadly collapse of the 12-story condo in Surfside, condominiums in Maryland must ensure reserve accounts will adequately cover future repairs by conducting independent "reserve studies" at least every five years. While they back the reserve study process, opponents have been trying to close what they see as harmful loopholes. The law gives boards power to bypass assessment caps and use reserves for purposes other than those specified in funding plans, without community input.

Hyatt and others backed failed efforts in Annapolis last year to close those loopholes.

The Community Association Institute, widely regarded as the condo and HOA industry's leading professional organization, said proposed changes would weaken protections.

Otherwise, "there's no way of assuring that associations are actually putting away the money," Robin Manoughlan, spokeswoman for the Falls Church-based group, testified before the Judicial Proceedings Committee in 2025. "Today's boards are under the gun with reserving money to begin with; they get a lot of pressure from their owners to not put away money to raise fees."

'There is room for abuse'

In Maryland and other states, HOAs can levy late fees, administration fees and attorney fees when owners miss fees or assessment payments. They can continue to fine owners throughout pending court appeals — even if payments are made.

Legal victories are difficult for homeowners to secure, Skipper said. Court cases can take years to resolve. Appeals are often not realistic because board members and the HOA corporation use the HOA's insurance and collective funds to pay for their attorneys. Homeowners have to pay their own attorney or represent themselves.

Skipper said most board members serve residents' interests, but about 20 to 30 percent "don't apply the rules fairly."

He bases that on more than 13 years of representing or consulting with about 1,000 condo homeowners, many listing similar complaints about governance, illegal debt collection, lien filings and neighbor disputes.

"Ultimately, hundreds of thousands of dollars, if not millions, [are] being governed by lay people who meet once a month," Skipper said. "There is room for abuse."

That includes ignoring state condo laws, selectively enforcing bylaws and adding interest and fees to fines without full disclosure, said Kaplan, of CHARM.

She co-founded the group after her condo association in Montgomery County sent her a cease-and-desist letter four years ago demanding she remove social media discussion of board comments. She had become concerned about what she considered reckless spending and urged neighbors to attend board meetings.

She appealed at a hearing but was fined more than $2,000. Last year, she and her association settled, but for an amount $15,000 less than Kaplan's attorneys' fees. And she was permanently banned from the community's pool, gym and common rooms.

"I'm paying $600 to $700 a month for facilities I can't use," she said.

Continuing litigation

At the Elmont, a high-rise condominium in Upper Park Heights, residents have been locked in legal disputes with their board for the past year. Eight residents accused the Elmont Condominium and board members of running a fraudulent board election in spring 2025, mismanaging owners' funds and ignoring bylaws, in a July 2025 lawsuit in Baltimore Circuit Court.

Defendants — including board president Latonya Dickerson, four other board members and the council of unit owners — responded in an August 2025 motion that the lawsuit "is nothing more than an improper attempt to use the threat of litigation to leverage The Elmont's volunteer board members to comply with Plaintiffs' decision on the operation of The Elmont Condominium."

Dickerson did not respond to requests for comment.

Residents who sued hoped a mediated settlement this year with the board would end the litigation and usher in board elections run by an independent third party, which the state has required under its condominium law since last October. Instead, the document spurred more dissension. Residents said an annual election should have taken place in April; the board and management countered that no election could take place amid pending litigation.

Several dozen Elmont homeowners and supporters from three other Baltimore-area condo communities went to court May 27 hoping a Baltimore judge would enforce the settlement. Flanked by Dickerson and Susan G. Saltsman, president of ComFirst Management, which manages the Elmont but is not named in the lawsuit, Newton, also Elmont's attorney, argued that the board had not agreed to settle. Circuit Judge John Stanley Nugent ruled that the document was not in his purview to enforce.

Clearly frustrated, an Elmont resident stood up to appeal to the judge.

She said she wanted him to know that those gathered in court, many of them elderly, had made the trip downtown to support residents' right to fair elections.

Nugent heard her out, but said the litigation would continue.

Saltsman, head of the Elmont's management firm, who referred questions about the case to Newton, said in emails to residents that issues at the Elmont "existed long before we arrived" and that financial problems stemmed from previous boards' lack of oversight and planning. The lawsuit only distracted from deferred maintenance and other needs, she said.

"The costs for upcoming depositions will reach thousands of dollars for what appears to be an unproven claim," her email said. "I assure you that these falsehoods will be revealed in court."

Davis's problems started with a leaking ceiling.

He said he withheld three months of condo fees in escrow, about $1,000, because management's contractors failed to fix the leak and left a hole in his bathroom ceiling. Davis pays $810 a month on his mortgage, plus $780 in fees that have more than doubled since he moved in.

The Regency counters that Davis fell behind on payments, with the balance ballooning by tens of thousands of dollars.

Six weeks before the auction, Davis' balance totaled $81,859, according to a Regency attorney's letter. Of that amount, Davis owed $62,000 in attorney's fees and related expenses, the itemized letter shows. Davis said he was told to communicate only with the Regency lawyers and was charged for those conversations.

The Regency filed several liens, then the court ordered a judgment in October 2024, for nearly $41,000, including $11,500 principal, which went unpaid and led to foreclosure.

Davis has questioned the validity of the liens and fees, but over several months lost all his appeals. As a last resort, he filed for bankruptcy. But the case he believed his lawyers had filed did not reach court in time.

"My issues ultimately stemmed from [management] putting a hole in my ceiling and it snowballed," Davis said. "The bankruptcy was meant to address whatever liens I had on my property and their validity. I honestly felt betrayed."

Newton countered that the court rejected Davis's arguments.

"He has the ability to pay and redeem it, but is choosing not to," Newton said. "No one ignores a court judgment to this extent. That's what this comes down to."

To Kaplan, of CHARM, the outcome shows an unsustainable HOA system at its worst.

"These people ... are your neighbors and deciding to take your home away from you because you're behind on payments," she said. "It's not the bank making that decision, it's the homeowners association. Something's wrong with that."

"At some point, ... this system is going to implode."

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PHIL BERKHEIMER, 84

A man who was known for investing in people

The longtime Frederick resident led a life full of service, leadership

BY OLIVER MACK
Frederick News-Post

Phil Berkheimer was still making new friends until the day he died.

Whether through mentoring, advising, leading local organizations or even with five-minute phone check-ins, Mr. Berkheimer invested in people as deeply as he invested in Frederick itself.

"Whether you were old or young ... woman or man, his friendships were wide and far-reaching in the Frederick community over the 50-plus years that he lived here," his daughter Betsy Pakenas said. "Anything he did, he did big. He was all in."

Mr. Berkheimer, who died at 84 on July 19 following a stroke, moved to Frederick in 1975 and led a life full of service and leadership to every community he was part of.

He grew up in Hanover, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Eichelberger High School in 1959. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in history from Franklin and Marshall College in 1963.

After becoming a Marine Corps officer, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam and was discharged with the rank of captain. Then, he began a 50-year career as a financial adviser in 1968.

Outside of work, he made an impact on people across the community, serving as chairman of Hood College's Board of Trustees, the Frederick Memorial Hospital Board of Directors and the Frederick Memorial Hospital Development Council. He was a founding trustee of the Community Foundation of Frederick County.

Andrea Chapdelaine, who was president of Hood College for part of Mr. Berkheimer's time as board chair, said Mr. Berkheimer was dedicated to building a stronger board and reengaging the alumni base to help set the college up for longtime success.

"He was so proud of Frederick and so proud of what the city has to offer and wanted to be a part of that," Chapdelaine said.

Chapdelaine said Mr. Berkheimer often sent her texts early in the morning with news articles he thought she should read, which he continued to do even as Chapdelaine became president of Connecticut College in 2024.

"I am going to miss those texts so much," Chapdelaine said. "To have that kind of person who cares so much about a volunteer job, and you know, helping set me up for success was invaluable, and ... led to that deep friendship as well."

Just months before his death, Mr. Berkheimer celebrated his 50th year with the Rotary Club of Frederick, one of the largest in Maryland.

Mr. Berkheimer was president of the club in 1980 and 1981. Afterward, he remained engaged and active within the club, former president Joanne McCoy said.

He chaired the club's local efforts to help eradicate polio in the 1980s. He also co-chaired a campaign for the First Century Trust in 2020, which established a perpetual $1 million investment, managed by the Community Foundation, for the president and board to use for community service projects.

"When he decided something was worth his time and effort, he never did anything less than 100 percent," McCoy said. "It didn't matter that he was in his 80s. ... He was still 100 percent engaged and active and committed. That was the only way he knew how to be."

That commitment and dedication carried over into his 50-year career as an investment adviser, Pakenas said.

After he started his career with Alex. Brown and Sons in Baltimore, Legg Mason recruited him to open a branch in Frederick in 1976. The company was sold multiple times, eventually becoming part of Morgan Stanley in 2010, from which Mr. Berkheimer retired in 2018 after 50 years in the industry.

Pakenas worked with him starting in 1998. They built what began as a two-person practice into what is now an 18-person national team, Pakenas said.

They worked together for 20 years and often violated a "no business talk" dinner table sign.

"We had so much fun for 20 years," Pakenas said. "It was never 'you get involved in the community because that's how you grow your business.' Never was that even any messaging to me. It was 'Betsy, you get involved in the community because that's just what you do.'"

Even after retiring, Mr. Berkheimer never stopped giving back to the community.

In 2024, he became the president of the Worman's Mill Conservancy Board of Trustees, where he lived.

Terry Cromwell, general manager of the conservancy, said Mr. Berkheimer took every single resident concern seriously, ensuring each was heard. Cromwell and Mr. Berkheimer had projects planned to work on until the day he died.

"He has taught me so much," Cromwell said. "He wanted good for the entire community and all the residents, and he always thought about what was best for everyone."

Mr. Berkheimer was an avid golfer. Don Lake met Mr. Berkheimer golfing around 55 years ago.

"He was always available if you needed somebody to talk to," said Lake, of Frederick. "If you had a problem, you could talk to him and he'll help you sort through it."

Mr. Berkheimer even pursued an interest in aviation, obtaining a private pilot license, earning an instrument rating and recording nearly 800 flying hours.

Mr. Berkheimer's humor and charisma shined through his personality, according to friends and family. Those close to him mentioned how even when something was difficult to hear, Mr. Berkheimer had a way to coat bad news with humor.

Cromwell said Mr. Berkheimer was a grammar enthusiast. He'd sometimes ask after a conversation "Can I tell you something?" and proceed to politely correct someone's grammar, without making them feel dumb, she said. Cromwell said she thinks of Mr. Berkheimer when she says certain words.

Pakenas said one of her favorite parts about her father was his ability to laugh, finding joy even in life's harder moments.

Mr. Berkheimer is survived by his wife, Marj Menchey Berkheimer, as well as four children, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and three stepchildren.

"He died with a full heart," Pakenas said. "Because this community gave him a full, full life. He got from it what he gave to it."

THOMAS NOLAN, 83

A highly respected social service expert in Illinois

He spent half a century in government consulting and lobbying

BY RICK PEARSON
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — When Thomas Nolan called friends or business associates, they would be greeted by a cheery, welcoming, Irish "top o' the morning"-style lilt announcing "Thomas Michael Patrick Nolan" was on the phone before he launched into a story as a preface for his call.

Mr. Nolan, 83, spent half a century in government consulting and lobbying to become one of Illinois' most respected and influential social service and health care experts. He died July 11 of complications from pulmonary fibrosis, a disease he'd battled for more than 13 years.

Mr. Nolan's large, red-rimmed glasses provided a visual contrast to his bald scalp, making him easy to spot as he worked the circular brass rail on the third floor of the Illinois Capitol between the House and Senate chambers — a longtime lobbyist perch — as he sought out lawmakers to discuss his clients' agendas.

And, reflecting the waiting part of the "hurry up and wait" nature of the legislative process — as well as the symbolism of lawmakers' indecisiveness — he would occasionally offer up an impromptu tap dance.

"He was a quintessential Irishman, always a twinkle in his eye and a story to tell," said Judy Erwin, a retired state lawmaker from Chicago who formerly served as a top staffer for the late Senate President Philip J. Rock.

"He was always a welcome sight in Springfield, where there were some people you might want to avoid," she said. "Tom was one of those people who could put a smile on your face whenever you saw him around the rail."

A graduate of Leo High School and Loyola University, Mr. Nolan spent two years as a supervisor of youth programming for the city of Chicago before launching his lobbying career in 1966 as director of governmental affairs for Catholic Charities of Chicago.

By 1970, Mr. Nolan had launched his own firm, Thomas M. Nolan & Associates, later the Nolan Group, where he worked for 41 years on issues such as reforms in the state's child care system and in the delivery of health care and human services for the poor.

"If I stepped back and asked, 'Who do I think made some of the biggest impacts, good impacts, on life in Illinois,' he would be at the top of my list," said Jimmy Lego, the former chancellor for the Archdiocese of Chicago, who also helped launch the Catholic Conference of Illinois in 1976 and served as executive director of Catholic Charities.

Lego recalled his first trip to Springfield to represent the Catholic Conference and meet with Mr. Nolan, "and we hustled all day, and he was showing me the ropes." Afterward, the two went to a local hotel bar for a couple of beers, where they were greeted by an angry Rock.

It seems, Lego said, that a community group trying to clean up alleys in a neighborhood in Rock's Senate district had rented space in a building owned by Catholic Charities, who Mr. Nolan represented. The group, dissatisfied with Rock's lack of support, had put some rats they had killed into the state senator's office to get his attention.

Rock "comes running over to us and says, 'I'm gonna knock your lights out' or something like that, to Tom, knowing very well that Tom represented Catholic Charities of Chicago. So Tom kind of turns around, reaches in and pulls a bridge of his teeth out and put it on the bar," Lego said. "I was saying, 'Holy cow! Is this what lobbying in Springfield is like?'"

Lego said Mr. Nolan's response to Rock, meant to defuse the situation, symbolized the toughness and dedication that lay beneath Mr. Nolan's cheery demeanor.

"He was a tough guy, and he wasn't afraid to put his chin out there," Lego said.

Mr. Nolan also was a prolific reader of books — hardcover only — and he had rooms with bookshelves straining under the tomes he read.

In December 1998, Mr. Nolan married Cook County Circuit Judge Gloria Coco, the supervising judge in domestic violence court, who has since retired. Coco's effervescent personality and independent spirit proved an excellent match for Mr. Nolan's own.

In addition to his social services work, Mr. Nolan lectured at Columbia College and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He also published a monograph on government, "You Know It's Big."

Mr. Nolan is survived by his wife; two sons from an earlier marriage, Matthew and Peter; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

IN MEMORIAM

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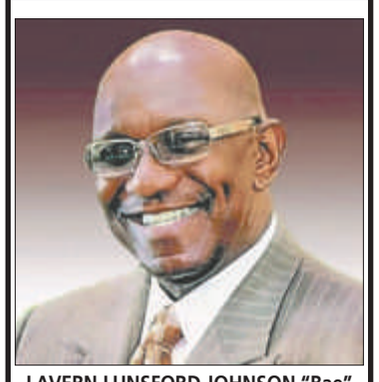

LAVERN LUNSFORD JOHNSON "Bae"
Happy Belated Heavenly 86th Birthday! July 21st has come and gone. But we are continuing to remember and celebrate a life well lived! Continue to Rest in Heavenly Peace! We love you! We miss You! Love Always! Thelma, Terri Ann, Latreece Renee (Christopher Sr.), Krystal, Phillip Jr., Christopher Jr., Joshua, Naomi, Family and Friends.

DEATH NOTICE

WAGES

SARA MILLER WAGES (Age 96)
Sara May Miller Wages (Sally) died at age 96 at the Sunrise at Bluemont in Arlington, Virginia, on May 27, 2026.

Born in Rochester, NY, on Thursday, October 3rd 1929, she grew up in San Francisco. Graduating from Smith College in 1951, she moved to Washington, DC, where she met her husband Dan S. Wages.

With the State Department's Foreign Service, they lived in Beirut, Tunis, Tripoli, Casablanca, and Holland as well as Arlington and Miami. In Holland, Sally Wages became interested in Art History and pursued a PHD in that field from the University of Maryland.

After receiving the degree in 1999, she moved to Berkeley, California. She returned to Arlington, Virginia in 2014.

A memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 4250 North Glebe Road in Arlington, Virginia, on August 1, 2026, 11 AM ET.

Another memorial service will take place at St. Clement's Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd, Berkeley, California on August 3rd, 2026, 11 AM PT.

DEATH NOTICE

AGGARWAL

SATISH AGGARWAL (Age 87)
Born on November 2, 1938, in Delhi, India, Satish earned bachelor's degrees in science and engineering from Delhi University, and a master's degree in electrical engineering and an MBA from New York University. He immigrated to the United States in 1968. He went on to serve the U.S. government for decades at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, where his distinguished career was recognized by Presidents Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush.

Satish spent much of his adult life in the Washington DC area and cultivated many friends and colleagues. He was deeply loved, respected, and admired as a husband, father, brother, grandfather, and leader in his community. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Renu; his three children, Angela, Monica, and Neil; and his eight grandchildren, who will carry forward his memory and legacy. Satish passed away on July 26, 2026.

Family and friends are invited to join us in honoring and celebrating his life on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 9 am at Pumphrey Funeral Home, 7557 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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THE WEATHER

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Some clouds, highs in the 80s

We can expect some cloud cover today and high temperatures in the 80s. Winds will blow in from the northwest between 8 and 16 mph, and gusts could go up to 22 mph. In the evening, we'll have partly cloudy skies and low temperatures in the 70s.

AccuWeather FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	T-storm possible	Rain, t-storm	T-storm possible
86° 71°	**89°** 73°	**90°** 75°	**84°** 74°	**85°** 74°	**85°** 74°
REALFEEL®: **88°**	REALFEEL® **94°**	REALFEEL® **93°**	REALFEEL® **88°**	REALFEEL® **92°**	REALFEEL® **92°**
CHANCE PRECIP: **0%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **0%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **25%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **55%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **60%**	CHANCE PRECIP: **55%**
WIND: **NW 8–16 mph**	WIND: **NW 6–12 mph**	WIND: **S 7–14 mph**	WIND: **SSE 7–14 mph**	WIND: **ENE 4–8 mph**	WIND: **NE 4–8 mph**
HUMIDITY: **Moderate**	HUMIDITY: **Moderate**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**	HUMIDITY: **High**

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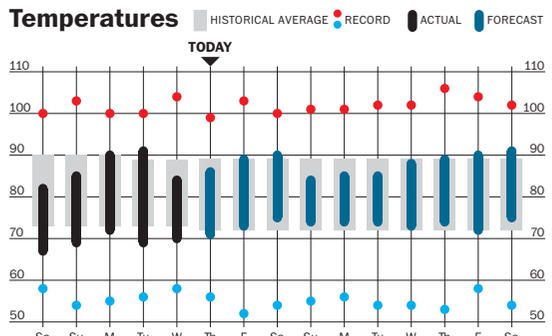
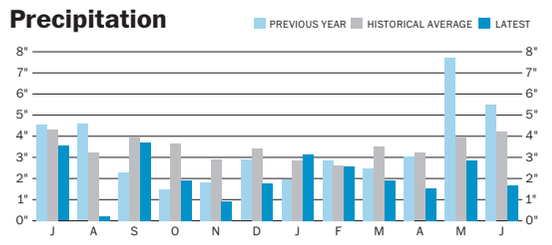


Statistics through 5 p.m. Wednesday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**84°** 3:00 p.m.	**83°** 4:00 p.m.	**82°** 12:45 p.m.
Low	**70°** 1:00 a.m.	**69°** 5:55 a.m.	**66°** 4:00 a.m.
Historical Average	89°/73°	88°/67°	88°/68°
Record high	104° 2011	103° 2011	101° 2011
Record low	58° 1920	52° 2014	59° 2014

Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **+0.9°** yr. to date: **+0.3°**

Precipitation PREVIOUS YEAR · HISTORICAL AVERAGE · LATEST



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.34"	Trace	0.45"
Total this month	3.58"	5.34"	5.71"
Historical Average (month)	4.07"	3.89"	4.16"
Total this year	17.29"	24.55"	20.77"
Historical Average (year)	24.40"	25.43"	25.37"

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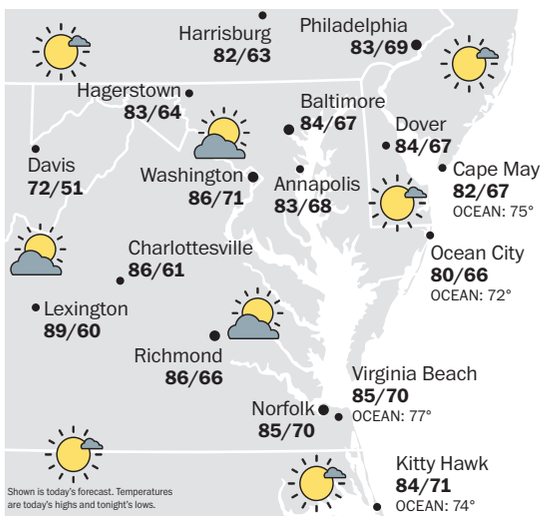

Pollen: High
Observed ratings on 7/29

Grass	Low
Trees	Absent
Weeds	Low
Mold	High

Today's Air Quality & UV forecast

Air Quality: Good
Main pollutant: Particulates

UV: Very High
10 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: *Shenandoah National Park:* Today, mostly sunny. High 83. Winds north–northwest 6–12 mph. Tonight, mainly clear. Low 58. Winds northwest 4–8 mph. • *Great Smoky Mtns. National Park:* Today, mostly sunny, cooler, less humid. High 69. Winds north–northeast 6–12 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 57. Winds east 4–8 mph.
Atlantic beaches: *Ocean City, MD:* Today, partly sunny. High 80. Winds northwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy. Low 66. Winds west–southwest 4–8 mph. • *Virginia Beach:* Today, mostly sunny. High 85. Winds northwest 7–14 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 70. Winds southwest 4–8 mph.

Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind northwest 6–12 knots. Waves 2 feet or less. Visibility generally clear. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, mostly sunny. Wind northwest 7–14 knots. Waves 1–3 feet on the Lower Potomac and the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 2.90 feet today, with no change of 2.90 Friday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (Shown are High tides in **Bold** and low tides.)

Washington	3:48 a.m.	**9:18 a.m.**	4:23 p.m.	**9:47 p.m.**
Annapolis	**6:35 a.m.**	1:14 p.m.	**6:44 p.m.**	none
Ocean City	2:51 a.m.	**8:42 a.m.**	2:42 p.m.	**9:08 p.m.**
Norfolk	4:47 a.m.	**10:52 a.m.**	4:48 p.m.	**11:04 p.m.**
Point Lookout	**2:34 a.m.**	9:33 a.m.	**2:55 p.m.**	8:40 p.m.

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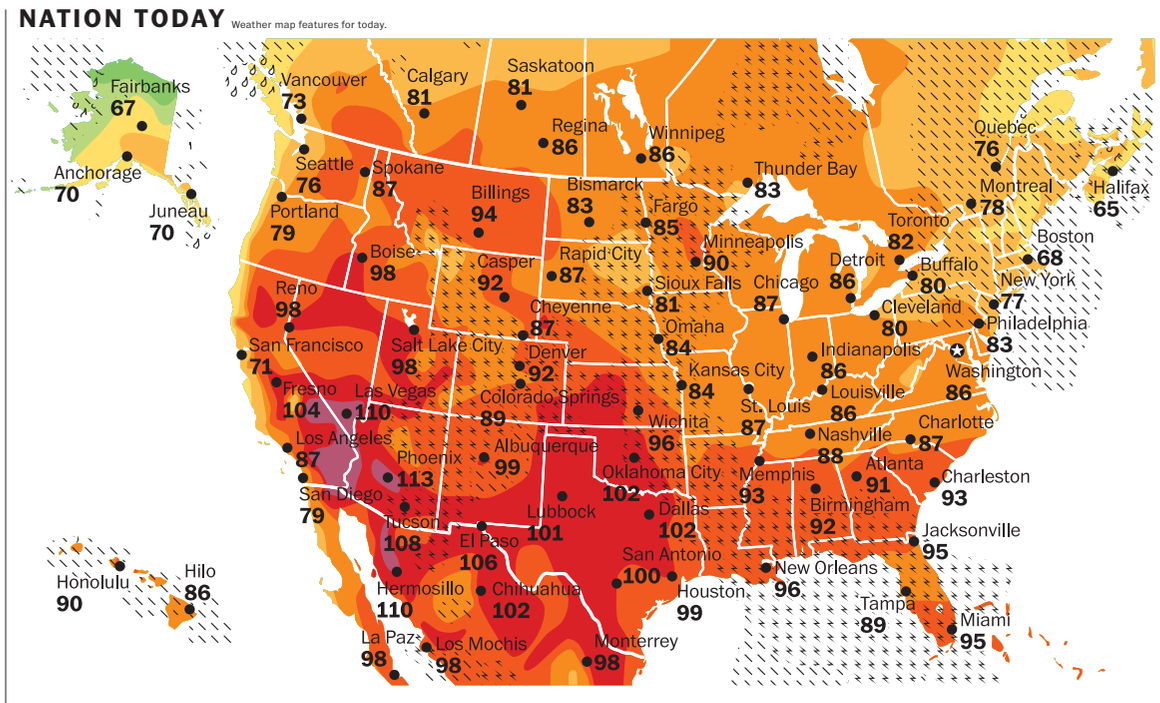

Showers · T-storms · Rain · Flurries · Snow · Ice

<–10	–0s	0s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s	100s	110+

Yesterday's National
High: Needles, CA **110°**
Low: Truckee, CA **36°**
For the 48 contiguous states

Yesterday's World
High: Adrar, Algeria **119°**
Low: Perito Moreno, Argentina **1°**
Excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	74/61/sh	81/62/pc
Albuquerque	99/75/t	99/73/t
Anchorage	70/53/s	68/54/s
Atlanta	91/67/s	91/73/pc
Austin	101/76/s	102/76/pc
Baltimore	84/67/pc	87/70/s
Billings, MT	94/66/s	98/68/s
Birmingham	92/69/s	93/76/c
Bismarck, ND	83/63/pc	91/62/t
Boise	98/65/pc	103/70/s
Boston	68/65/sh	73/66/pc
Buffalo	80/61/s	81/65/c
Burlington, VT	75/64/sh	82/64/c
Charleston, SC	93/72/pc	94/75/sh
Charleston, WV	81/58/pc	84/62/s
Charlotte	87/66/s	90/71/s
Cheyenne, WY	87/58/t	83/58/t
Chicago	87/68/pc	78/69/r
Cincinnati	84/64/s	85/67/c
Cleveland	80/60/s	84/68/pc
Dallas	102/82/s	103/83/s
Denver	92/63/t	89/62/t
Des Moines	87/69/t	79/63/t
Detroit	86/65/s	88/67/t
El Paso	106/80/pc	109/81/s
Fairbanks, AK	67/48/pc	73/50/pc
Fargo, ND	85/65/t	87/59/t
Hartford, CT	72/63/sh	81/63/pc
Honolulu	90/78/sh	89/78/sh
Houston	99/78/s	98/80/s
Indianapolis	86/65/s	85/68/c
Jackson, MS	94/76/t	95/76/t
Jacksonville, FL	95/74/t	92/75/t
Kansas City, MO	84/74/t	86/64/t
Las Vegas	110/87/s	112/88/s
Little Rock	95/75/t	97/79/t
Los Angeles	87/68/pc	92/70/s
Louisville	86/67/s	87/70/c
Memphis	93/74/pc	89/77/t
Miami	95/79/t	94/79/t
Milwaukee	86/67/pc	78/67/r
Minneapolis	90/70/t	76/66/r
Nashville	88/63/s	90/73/pc
New Orleans	96/80/t	92/78/t
New York City	77/66/sh	83/69/pc
Norfolk	85/70/s	86/70/pc
Oklahoma City	102/75/t	100/71/t
Omaha	84/73/t	79/63/t
Orlando	88/77/t	87/75/t
Philadelphia	83/69/pc	88/70/s
Phoenix	113/92/s	116/92/s
Pittsburgh	81/56/s	84/64/pc
Portland, ME	68/62/sh	77/61/pc
Portland, OR	79/57/pc	87/61/s
Providence, RI	70/64/sh	80/65/pc
Raleigh, NC	87/65/s	91/70/pc
Reno, NV	98/61/s	102/64/s
Richmond	86/66/s	88/69/s
Sacramento	96/59/s	100/59/s
St. Louis	87/72/pc	82/70/t
St. Thomas, VI	92/81/pc	92/80/pc
Salt Lake City	98/74/s	103/76/s
San Diego	79/68/pc	79/70/pc
San Francisco	71/57/s	72/57/s
San Juan, PR	92/79/s	90/78/t
Seattle	76/55/pc	82/59/s
Spokane, WA	87/58/s	93/63/s
Syracuse	78/62/sh	85/62/pc
Tampa	89/81/t	88/80/t
Wichita	96/76/t	97/69/s

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	71/55/r	71/55/sh
Amsterdam	80/63/pc	76/59/sh
Athens	92/77/s	91/76/s
Auckland	62/52/s	61/45/sh
Baghdad	118/91/pc	119/94/pc
Bangkok	90/79/r	90/79/r
Beijing	94/80/sh	93/80/pc
Berlin	100/68/s	87/65/pc
Bogota	67/51/r	67/48/sh
Brussels	84/62/pc	83/57/pc
Buenos Aires	61/58/pc	68/61/r
Cairo	100/79/pc	101/78/pc
Caracas	78/68/r	77/68/r
Copenhagen	81/62/s	72/57/s
Dakar	88/80/pc	90/80/sh
Dublin	68/48/sh	67/48/pc
Edinburgh	65/46/sh	64/49/sh
Frankfurt	101/66/s	90/65/t
Geneva	97/67/s	87/64/t
Ham., Bermuda	87/81/t	85/79/t
Helsinki	75/60/pc	77/55/t
Ho Chi Minh City	88/76/r	88/76/r
Hong Kong	86/80/t	85/80/t
Islamabad	93/77/t	87/76/t
Istanbul	84/71/s	85/72/s
Jerusalem	91/72/s	92/73/s
Johannesburg	69/40/pc	65/39/pc
Kabul	93/68/pc	90/68/pc
Kingston, Jam.	90/82/t	91/80/sh
Kolkata	87/79/r	89/80/r
Kyiv	78/62/pc	83/64/s
Lagos	84/75/r	85/75/t
Lima	79/69/pc	76/68/pc
Lisbon	83/65/s	85/65/s
London	81/59/pc	78/56/s
Madrid	103/74/s	99/72/s
Manila	92/79/t	94/79/t
Mexico City	78/56/sh	79/56/r
Montreal	78/64/sh	82/66/sh
Moscow	70/59/t	77/57/s
Mumbai	85/80/r	83/80/r
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Taipei City	93/80/c	94/79/r
Tehran	96/75/s	95/76/pc
Tokyo	94/82/t	94/81/sh
Toronto	82/59/s	82/67/c
Vienna	99/70/s	102/72/s
Warsaw	90/68/s	96/69/t

Moon Phases

Aug 5	Aug 12	Aug 19	Aug 28
Last Quarter	New	First Quarter	Full

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	6:07 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
Moon	9:07 p.m.	6:57 a.m.
Venus	9:56 a.m.	10:20 p.m.
Mars	2:36 a.m.	5:25 p.m.
Jupiter	6:03 a.m.	8:19 p.m.
Saturn	11:19 p.m.	11:48 a.m.

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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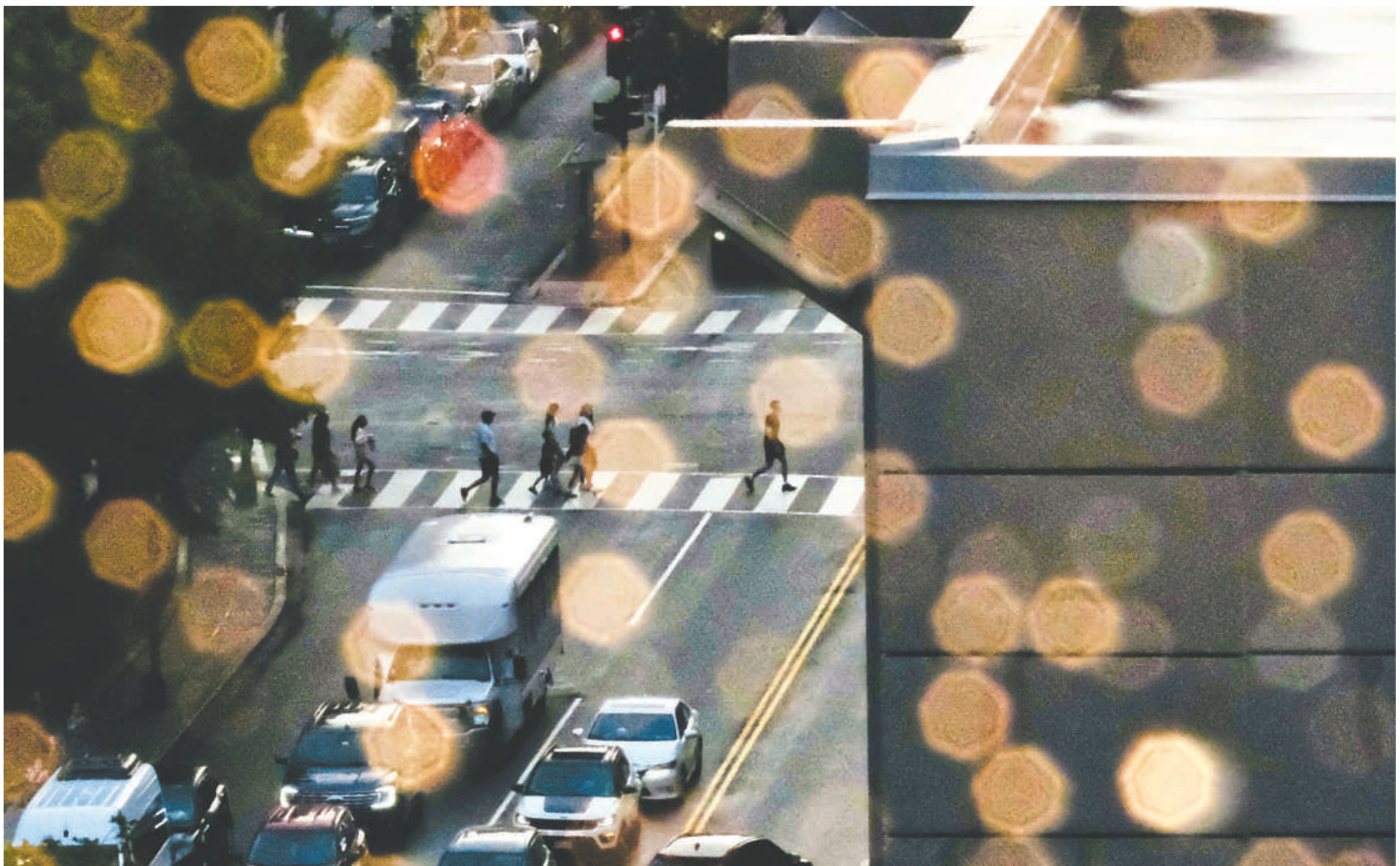

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Drops of light

Raindrops on an office window are backlit by the setting sun as pedestrians cross K Street NW in Washington after thunderstorms swept through the region Tuesday.

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Amended
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
Spotsylvania Circuit Court
PO Box 96, Spotsylvania
VA 22553-0096

Case No. CL26-1069

Weldon Walker III & Lynne Walker
Plaintiff

v.

Indian Acres of Thornburg, Inc.
Defendant

The object of this suit is to obtain deed to lot 271 Glen 15 at Indian Acres
It is ORDERED that Indian Acres of Thornburg, Inc. appear at the above-named court and protect his/her interests on or before Thurs Aug. 13, 2026.

6/24/26
Date

Christalyn M. Jett
Clerk

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

Civil Action Law No.: C-16-CV-26-002041

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION
14501 Sweitzer Lane
Laurel, Maryland 20707
Plaintiff

v.

Enrique Jaramillo
1410 I Livingston Road
Clinton, MD 20735

AND/OR

7827 Karla Lane
Ft. Washington, MD 20744

AND

v.

UNKNOWN OWNERS OF THE FEE OR OTHER PROPERTY INTERESTS IN THE PRIVATE ROAD KNOWN AS BURTON LANE

AND

ALL PERSONS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, OR INTEREST THEREIN DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION ACTION, DECLARATION OF TAKING, AND ORDER OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING

To: Unknown Owners and All Persons Having or Claiming to Have Any Right, Title, Interest, Estate, Lien, or Claim in the Property Interests Described in the Complaint
You are hereby notified that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commissjn has filed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, a Complaint for Condemnation and Declaration of Taking to acquire certain property interests located in Prince George's County, Maryland The property affected by this action is identified generally as follows:
Property Address: That portion of the private road Burton Lane adjacent to 8435 Burton Lane, Upper Marlboro, 20772
Tax Account No.: Unknown
Record Owner: No known record owner
Deed Reference: No known deed
Plat Reference, if applicable: No known plat reference
Project Name/Number: 48-inch water supply line project in Prince George's County WSSC Project No. BL5628A13, 450A High Zone Water Transmission Main
The property interests sought to be condemned consist generally of:
A perpetual easement and right-of-way in, over, through, under, and across the subject property for the construction, installation, operation, inspection, maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction, and removal of a 48-inch water supply line and appurtenances, together with rights of ingress and egress and such other rights as more particularly described in the Complaint for Condemnation, Declaration of Taking, plats, and legal descriptions filed in this action.
The Complaint for Condemnation and Declaration of Taking allege that the property interests are needed for a public project of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and seek condemnation of the property interests described in the pleadings. The Declaration of Taking states that Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County the amount of ten thousand nine hundred dollars ($10,900.00), representing its estimate of just compensation for the property interests taken.
Copies of the Complaint for Condemnation, Declaration of Taking, plats, legal descriptions, and related filings may be obtained from the Clerk of the Circuit Coj for Prince George's County, Maryland, located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.
Any person having or claiming to have any right, title, interest, estate, lien, or claim in the property interests described in the Complaint must file an answer, claim, or other response in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, on or before 09/01/2026.
If you fail to file an answer, claim, or other response by that date, an Order of Default may be entered against you, and the Court may grant the relief requested in the Complaint, including condemnation of the property interests described in the Complaint, Declaration of Taking, plats, and legal descriptions.
This Notice is published and posted pursuant to an Order of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, and Maryland Rule 2-122.

Date: 06/30/2026

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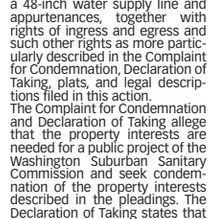
Circuit Court for
Prince George's, Maryland



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HEARING NOTICE

Planning Board Case No 462

SP-24-003 Timber Woods

September 3, 2026, Hearing beginning at 7:00 p.m.

College House, LLC and Historic Ellicott Properties, Petitioner

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing, as scheduled above, will be held by the Howard County Planning Board in the George Howard Building, **Banneker Room**, Ellicott City, Maryland, for a 7.34-acre property owned by College House, LLC and Historic Ellicott Properties. The property is located in the Second Election District, at 3940 College Avenue in Ellicott City, MD.

The petition, filed under Section 107.0.F of the Howard County Zoning Regulations, seeks to approve a preliminary equivalent sketch plan, SP-24-003, Timber Woods Lots 1-6 and Open Space Lots 7 & 8, for 5 new and 6 residential lots and 2 open space lots on property zoned Residential – Environmental Development (R-ED), on land being developed pursuant to the District Regulations. The plan filed in this case can be reviewed in the Office of the Division of Land Development, Department of Planning and Zoning of Howard County, George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Lynda Eisenberg, AICP, Executive Secretary
Planning Board of Howard County

Newspaper Notice

Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

Take notice that the United States has filed a proposed Final Judgment in a civil antitrust case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, United States of America, et al. v. OhioHealth Corporation, Civil Action No. 2:26-cv-207. On February 20, 2026 the United States filed a Complaint alleging that OhioHealth Corporation's use of anticompetitive contract provisions in its contracts with payors violated Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1. The proposed Final Judgment, filed on June 16, 2026, requires OhioHealth Corporation to void existing contract provisions that prohibit or deter insurers from offering budget-conscious health insurance plans or plan features and prevents OhioHealth from seeking or obtaining such contract provisions in the future, among other things. A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States on July 15, 2026, describes the Complaint, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and the remedies.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's website at http://www.justice.gov/atr and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court named above.

Interested persons may address comments in English to Jill Maguire, Acting Chief, Healthcare and Consumer Products Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 4100, Washington, DC 20530 (email address: ATR.Public-Comments-Tunney-Act- MB@usdoj.gov) within 60 days of the first publication date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the Federal Register.

Newspaper Notice

Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

Take notice that the United States has filed a proposed Final Judgment in a civil antitrust case in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, *United States of America v. Edwards LifeSciences Corp. and Genesis Medtech Group Limited*, Civil Action No. 1:26-cv-02450. On July 13, 2026, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that Edwards' acquisition of JC Medical, Inc. from Genesis violated the HSR Act, 15, U.S.C. § 18a. The proposed Final Judgment, filed at the same time as the Complaint, requires Edwards to pay a civil penalty of $10 million dollars, institute an antitrust compliance program, and to provide the FTC notice prior to acquiring any part of a firm that is selling or conducting clinical trials in the United States for a transcatheter aortic valve replacement for aortic regurgitation ("TAVR-AR") device. The proposed Final Judgment also requires Genesis to pay a civil penalty of $2 million dollars. A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States on July 13, 2026, describes the Complaint, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and the remedies available to private litigants who may have been injured by the alleged violation.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's website at <http://www.justice.gov/atr> and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court named above.

Interested persons may address comments in English to Maribeth Petrizzi, Special Attorney, United States, c/o Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, Compliance Division, GAO-5T57, Org Code 1031, GAO-5K21, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580 (email address: bccompliance@ftc.gov) within 60 days of the first publication date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the *Federal Register.*

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2026 ADM 000716

SaVanna Wanzer
Neonu Jewell
9861 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Sheryl Adams, whose address is 2617 Cory Terrace, Wheaton, MD 20902 was appointed personal representative of the estate of SaVanna Wanzer, who died on April 24, 2026 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 1/30/2027. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 1/30/2027, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Sheryl Adams
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PROBATE DIVISION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001-2131
2026 ADM 000680

Mildred Whitaker aka Mildred I. Whitaker
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Bennie Lewis Whitaker, whose address is 9200 Edwards Way Apartment 610 Hyattsville, MD 20783 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Mildred Whitaker aka Mildred I. Whitaker, who died on 05/20/2026 with a will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., Building A, 515 5th Street, NW, 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20001, on or before 01/16/2027. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 01/16/2027, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address and relationship.

Bennie Lewis Whitaker
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Nicole D. Stevens
REGISTER OF WILLS

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIVIL DIVISION

Case No. 2025-CAB-008320
Judge James A. Cromwell IV

WORLAND CONDOMINIUM UNIT OWNERS ASSOCIATION c/o REES BROOME, PC
Plaintiff

v.

MONISH KANT DUTT, et al.
Defendants

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

This matter came before the Court on March 27, 2026, for a Remote Initial Scheduling Conference. Upon consideration of Plaintiff's request to order service by publication on the unknown claimants regarding this action and the deadline to file claims, with the costs of such service to be paid from the Surplus, the Court finds that there are or may be persons, whose names are unknown, that possess interests in the subject excess proceeds, that the nature of such interests is sufficiently described in Plaintiff's Complaint, and that such persons have been names as defendants in this action as "Unknown Claimants." The Court thus finds that service by publication on Unknown Claimants is appropriate.
Accordingly, it is this 15th day of July 2026, hereby
ORDERED that any Unknown Claimant shall cause his appearance to be entered in this matter on or before the sixtieth day, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, occurring after the day of the first publication of this Order or be deemed in default; it is further
ORDERED that this Order shall be published at least once a week for three successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation; it is further
ORDERED that the Plaintiff shall be entitled to claim against the excess proceeds its costs incurred in publishing this Order; it is further
ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Interplead Foreclosure Proceeds into Court is **HELD IN ABEYANCE** pending completion of service by publication; it is further
ORDERED that, upon completion of service on Unknown Claimants by publication, Plaintiff shall file a praecipe informing the Court of its compliance with this Order and requesting a ruling on Plaintiff's Motion to Interplead Foreclosure Proceeds into Court, and shall email a copy of such praecipe to this Court's chambers.
SO ORDERED.

James A Crowell IV
Associate Judge, D.C. Superior Court

There is now pending before the **District of Columbia Superior Court** an action, case number **2026-CAB-002102** seeking to affect title to the property now or formerly owned by Kerrie D. Jackson, located at **5808 8th Street NE, Washington, DC 20011**. A copy of the action is available in the Clerk's office of the Court. A written answer, including any claims or defenses must be filed with the District of Columbia Superior Court Civil Branch, 500 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before the **2nd day of October 2026.**

840 Trustees Sale - DC

Pardo & Drazin, LLC
Russell S. Drazin, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

3217 12th Street, NE, Unit 101
Washington, DC 20017
Lot 2007 in Square 3931

1202 Jackson Street, NE, Unit 102
Washington, DC 20017
Lot 2032 in Square 3931

1202 Jackson Street, NE, Unit 107
Washington, DC 20017
Lot 2037 in Square 3931

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement (the "Deed of Trust") dated January 10, 2017 and recorded on January 11, 2017 as Instrument No. 2017003882 from Jackson Place, LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to George W. Connors, IV and Kimberly Somers ("Original Trustees"), as trustees, for the benefit of WashingtonFirst Bank ("Original Lender"), as beneficiary, securing a Deed of Trust Note (the "Note") dated January 10, 2017 in the maximum principal amount of $750,000.00 made by Borrower, as borrower, payable to the order of Original Lender, as payee, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the recordation and mailing of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Original Trustees as trustees under the Deed of Trust and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee under the Deed of Trust, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, on

AUGUST 11, 2026 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THOSE LOTS OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 3217 12th Street, NE, Unit 101, Washington, DC 20017 (Lot 2007 in Square 3931), 1202 Jackson Street, NE, Unit 102, Washington, DC 20017 (Lot 2032 in Square 3931), and 1202 Jackson Street, NE, Unit 107, Washington, DC 20017 (Lot 2037 in Square 3931), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right to sell the property or any part thereof in one parcel, as an entirety, or in such parcels and in such manner or order as Substitute Trustee, in the sole exercise of his discretion, may elect.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes, water and sewer charges, and other utility charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 per lot, or $60,000.00 if all lots are sold together, by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs.

The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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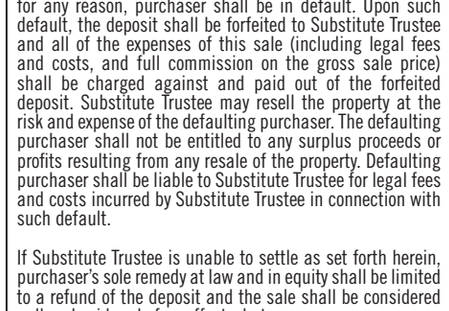

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850 Montgomery County

SHERIFF'S SALE
VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of Washington Adventist ACC Condominium v. Richard Akoto in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. D-06-CV-25-019416 this 27th day of March 2026, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said Richard Akoto. of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of Richard Akoto located at 7610 Carroll Avenue, Unit 450, Takoma Park, MD 20912 and further described as Condominium Unit 7610-450 in the Condominium known as "Washington Adventist Ambulatory Care Center, a Condominium", established pursuant to the Condominium Declaration and By-Laws dated June 21, 1984, and recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Liber 6442, at folio 367 et seq., as amended and corrected to dated and shown on the Condominium Plats recorded in Condominium Plat Book 34 at Plats 3600 through 3604 and amended in Condominium Plat Book 35 at Plats 3713 through 3715, Plat Book 37 at plat 3911 and corrective Condominium Plat in Condominium Plat Book 48 at Plats 4969 through 4973, as amended and corrected to date; together with an undivided interest in the common elements belonging or appertaining to the said unit.

Being the same property conveyed unto Richard Akoto by deed recorded in Liber 56300 at Folio 00350 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing Richard Akoto's interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said Richard Akoto, and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 10:30 am.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.

In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff
Montgomery County, Maryland

Jul 30, 2026 0012523513

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

STEPHEN B. JACKSON and STEVEN P. HENNE
Substitute Trusties
Plaintiffs,
V.
BETHESDA ASSOCIATSES, L.C.
Defendant

Civil Action No. C-15-CV-26-002928

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, **July 14th, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, that the sale of the property which is the subject of these proceedings, made by Stephen B. Jackson and Steven P. Henne, Substituted Trustees, to: Wilmington Trust, National Association, as Trustee for the Benefit of the Registered Holders of WFRBS Commercial Mortgage Trust 2014-C20, Commercial Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2014-C20 and reported in the above-entitled cause, will be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before **August, 13th, 2026** provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in a newspaper published in said Montgomery County, once a week for three successive weeks on or before **August, 13th, 2026.**
The Report of Sale states the amount of the foreclosure sale price to be **$7,910,000.00**. The properties sold herein are known as **8120 Woodmont Avenue, 4815 Rugby Avenue and 4819 Rugby Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.**

KAREN A. BUSHELL
CLERK, CIRCUIT COUNTY FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Jul 23,30,Aug 6, 2026 0012523068

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, MARYLAND

WILLIAM M. SAVAGE, et al.
Trustee(s)
Plaintiff(s)

vs.

JOHNNY SMITH, JR. (DECEASED)
LANDA D. CUNNINGHAM (DECEASED)
115 Seneca Drive
Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-25-005319

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **15th day of July, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **115 Seneca Drive, Oxon Hill, MD 20745** made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **17th day of August 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **17th day of August, 2026**.
The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$181,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

Jul 30,Aug 6,13, 2026 0012523195

850 Montgomery County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

James E. Clarke, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Plaintiff(s)

v.

John Paul James
Defendant(s)

Civil No. C-16-CV-24-003242

NOTICE PURSUANT TO MD RULE 14-215 (A)

ORDERED, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, this **15th day of July, 2026**, that the foreclosure sale of the property described in the deed of trust docketed herein and located at **9401 Pin Oak Street, Clinton, MD 20735** made and reported by James E. Clarke, Mary L. Hurley and Paul J. Moran, Substitute Trustees, be RATIFIED and CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **17th day of August, 2026**; provided a copy of this Order be inserted in THE WASHINGTON POST, once in each of three (3) successive weeks before the **17th day of August, 2026**. The Report of Sale states the amount of the sale at **$395,386.01**.

BY THE COURT:
Mahasin El Amin
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Orlans 24-005093

Jul 23,30,Aug 6, 2026 0012523098

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

JOHNNY SMITH, JR. (DECEASED)
LANDA D. CUNNINGHAM (DECEASED)
115 Seneca Drive
Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-25-005319

NOTICE

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The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$181,000.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

Jul 30,Aug 6,13, 2026 0012523123

850 Montgomery County

ORLANS PC
1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310
LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
14708 Georgia Avenue
Rockville, MD 20853

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from JOHN T. SHEEHAN AND MARY ANN SHEEHAN, dated August 2, 2006 and recorded in Liber 32848, folio 492 among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.441446V; Tax ID No.13-01123926) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO AN IRS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION,

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $50,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 16-700011)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
MARY L. HURLEY,
PAUL J. MORAN,
JASON N. GREENBERG,
JOANNA FORONDA,
JOHN ANSELL III,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Jul 16,23,30, 2026 0012521214

SHERIFF'S SALE
VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed

850 Montgomery County

SHERIFF'S SALE
VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of Residential Value LLC v. William Jonathan Bugg, ET AL. in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. 469791V this 5th day of May 2026, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said William Jonathan Bugg, ET AL. of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of William Jonathan Bugg, ET AL. located at 3201 Gold Mine Road, Brookeville, MD 20833 and further described as Lot numbered Forty-four (44) in Block lettered "E" in the subdivision known as "BROOKEVILLE KNOLLS", as per plat thereof recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland in Plat Book 86 at Plat 9167.

Being the same property conveyed William Jonathan Bugg, ET AL. unto in deed recorded in Liber 18272 at Folio 0361 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing William Jonathan Bugg, ET AL's. interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said William Jonathan Bugg, ET AL. , and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 10:15 am.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.

In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff
Montgomery County, Maryland

Jul 30, 2026 0012523515

SHERIFF'S SALE
VALUABLE REAL PROPERTY

STATE OF MARYLAND
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT:

By virtue of a Writ of Execution issued by the District Court for Montgomery County, Maryland, and to me as Sheriff of said County, directed at the suit of DARCARS Imports, Inc. v. Beltha Bume Mokube in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland Case No. C-15-JG25009492 this 24th day of October 2025, seized and taken into execution all the right and title, claim, interest, and estate, at the time the judgment became a lien on the property, both at law and in equity of the said Beltha Mokube. of, in, to, and about the following described property to wit:

Real property of Beltha Mokube located at 23703 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882 and further described as Lot numbered 5, in Block C in the subdivision known as "WOODFIELD ESTATES", as per Plat thereof duly recorded among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Plat Book 151 at Plat 17267.

*****For Informational Purposes Only*****
Tax ID #: 12-02827148
Property Address: 23703 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20882

Being the same property conveyed unto Beltha Mokube by deed recorded in Liber 66277 at Folio 00284 among the land records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Purchasers should be aware that they are purchasing Beltha Mokube's interest only. The described property will be sold subject to reservations of title, subject to liens of records, and to all claims known and unknown. To obtain clear title, the cost of conveyance and outstanding senior liens must be paid by the purchaser.

I hereby give notice that I will sell all the right, title, claim, interest and estate both in law and in equity of the said Beltha Mokube , and, of, in, to, and about the above-described property to the highest bidder for cash at the Maryland Avenue entrance of the Judicial Center, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 10:00 am.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale, balance due within 10 days after ratification from the courts. Deposit and remaining balance must be paid in U.S. currency, certified check, or cashier's check. No personal or business checks will be accepted. To be eligible to bid you must have a government issued photo ID (i.e., Driver's License) and **five thousand dollars ($5,000.00)** deposit in hand.

In the event of default by said purchaser and at their risk and expenses, the Sheriff may declare the deposit forfeited and resell the premises. In such event the defaulting purchaser will be liable for payment of all costs and expenses of both sales. The forfeited deposit, less expenses, will be credited towards the judgment after the final ratification. This sale will be final after ratification from the courts.

Maxwell C. Uy, Sheriff
Montgomery County, Maryland

Jul 30, 2026 0012523518

TRUSTEE'S SALE
4105 Everett Street, Kensington, MD 20895

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 4105 Everett Street, Kensington, MD 20895. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated July 25, 2018, and recorded in Liber 56433 at Page 1 among the land records of the County of Montgomery, in the original principal amount of $453,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **August 19, 2026 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 13-00999591

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 24-295891.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
Mailing Address: 8520 Cliff Cameron Dr., Suite 330,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28269
(410) 769-9797

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, LLC
300 E. Joppa Road
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Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Jul 30,Aug 6,13, 2026 0012523051

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

v.

OSEI POKU AMOH, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-16-CV-25-006649

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **17 day of July, 2026** that the sale of the property in this case, **806 CONGRESSIONAL CT BOWIE, MD 20721**, reported by Kendall Clark, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **17 day of August, 2026**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **17 day of August, 2026**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$356,200.00.**

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk

Jul 30,Aug 6,13, 2026 0012523194

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

v.

JOHN MASSAQUOI, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-16-CV-26-001175

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **17 day of July, 2026** that the sale of the property in this case, **3305 NEW COACH LANE BOWIE, MD 20716**, reported by Kendall Clark, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **17 day of August, 2026**, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, a newspaper published in PRINCE GEORGE'S County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **17 day of August, 2026**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$320,000.00.**

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk

Jul 30,Aug 6,13, 2026 0012523193

850 Montgomery County

ORLANS PC
1602 VILLAGE MARKET BLVD. SE, SUITE 310
LEESBURG, VA 20175
703-777-7101

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
18203 Chalet Drive, Apt. #3, Building 11 Unit 106
Germantown, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from DOGORE MADELEINE BLE, dated April 26, 2007 and recorded in Liber 34238, folio 547 among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No.C-15-CV-25-004626; Tax ID No.06-02271058) the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE, located at 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850, on

AUGUST 4, 2026 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit $20,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee(s) are unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 25-004246)

JAMES E. CLARKE,
JOANNA FORONDA,
MARY L. HURLEY,
PAUL J. MORAN,
JASON N. GREENBERG,
JOHN ANSELL III,
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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Jul 16,23,30, 2026 0012521213

TRUSTEE'S SALE
12400 Willow Green Court, Potomac, MD 20854

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 12400 Willow Green Court, Potomac, MD 20854 . By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated May 24, 2006, and recorded in Liber 32473 at Page 603 among the land records of the County of Montgomery, in the original principal amount of $387,000.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **August 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM** , all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 04-01476712

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-300190.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP,
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Jul 16,23,30, 2026 0012522025

851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANDREW J. BRENNER, et. al.
6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852
Substitute Trustees/Plaintiffs,

VS.

ALEYDA GUZMAN HERRERA
7730 Garrison Road
Hyattsville, MD 20784
Defendant(s).

Case No.C-16-CV-25-006330

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this **8 day of July, 2026**, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings and described as **7730 Garrison Road, Hyattsville, MD 20784**, made and reported by the Substitute Trustee, will be RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **10 day of August 2026**, provided a copy of this NOTICE be inserted in some daily news- paper printed in said County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **10 day of August, 2026**. The report states the purchase price at the Foreclosure sale to be **$292,500.00**.

Mahasin El Amin
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County,
Maryland

Matter ID#MD-379721

Jul 23,30,Aug 6, 2026 0012522736

850 Montgomery County

Samuel I. White, P.C.
448 Viking Drive, Suite 350
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
9214 Three Oaks Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to SDS TITLE LLC. , Trustee(s), dated December 1, 2022, and recorded among the Land Records of MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 66554, folio 11, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 50 MARYLAND AVENUE, ROCKVILLE, MD 20850 ON,

AUGUST 3, 2026 at 1:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

BEING KNOWN AS LOT 49, BLOCK C, SECTION IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS SLIGO PARK HILLS, PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 90, AT PLAT 9730, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.25% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.

Trustee's File No. (94701)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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300 E. Joppa Road
Hampton Plaza - Suite 1103
Baltimore, MD 21286
410-769-9797

Jul 16,23,30, 2026 0012521000

TRUSTEE'S SALE
7429 Rosewood Manor Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 7429 Rosewood Manor Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20882. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated July 24, 2015, and recorded in Liber 50839 at Page 232 among the land records of the County of Montgomery, in the original principal amount of $535,128.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **August 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM**, all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 01-02734682

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-299242.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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850 Montgomery County

TRUSTEE'S SALE
12205 Academy Way Unit 9, Rockville, MD 20852

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 12205 Academy Way Unit 9, Rockville, MD 20852. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated August 14, 2014, and recorded in Liber 49191 at Page 175 among the land records of the County of Montgomery, in the original principal amount of $171,830.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, at Judicial Center's Monroe Street Entrance, 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on **August 5, 2026 at 1:00 PM,** all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 04-02026893

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 7% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 25-299634.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
607 SALISBURY DRIVE
OXON HILL, MD 20745

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated March 6, 2017, and recorded in Liber 39327, folio 581, of the land records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $214,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 12-1367168

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $19,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 8.125% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-310858)

KEITH YACKO, DAVID WILLIAMSON, Substitute Trustees

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Jul 23,30,Aug 6, 2026 0012522579

853 Calvert County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND

KEITH YACKO, et al,
Substitute Trustee,
Plaintiff,

v.

ESTATE OF RICHARD A. MAGRUDER, et al,
Defendants.

Case No. C-04-CV-26-000173

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **8th day of July, 2026**, that the sale of the property in this case, **725 MAIN STREET AKA 725 BLACKBIRD LN, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD**, reported by Kendall Clark, Attorney for the Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the **7th day of August, 2026**, provided copy of this Notice be inserted in Washington Post, newspaper published in CALVERT County, Maryland, once in each of three (3) successive weeks on or before the **7th day of August, 2026**. The report states the amount of sale to be **$216,061.16**.

Kathy P. Smith
Clerk

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
200 Garden Gate Ln
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to JOHN BURSON, ESQ. , Trustee(s), dated December 29, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 26808 , folio 470 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# -07-3663457.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $49,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (25-17862)

BRENNAN FERGUSON, JOHN C. HANRAHAN,
JEREMY B. WILKINS, AMANDA DRISCOLE,
ROBERT OLIVERI, AND PAUL HEINMULLER,
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856 Frederick County

CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
100 West Patrick Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701
Clerk of the Court: 301-600-1976
Assignment Office:
301-600-2015

Case Number: C-10-CV-25-000739
Other Reference Numbers:

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING L L C

VS.

BRITTNEE SAVAGE, ET AL.

Date: 07/24/2026

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby issued by the Circuit Court for Frederick County this **24th day of July, 2026,** that the sale made and recorded by Kendall E Clark for the sale of the property described in these proceedings

903 BADGER AVE, FREDERICK, MD 21702

be ratified and confirmed thirty (30) days from the date of this Notice, unless cause to the contrary be shown, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some Newspaper published in this County, once in each of three (3) successive weeks. The report states the amount of the sale to be **$323,000.00**.

Sandra K. Dalton
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Jul 30,Aug 6,13, 2026 0012523611

851 Prince Georges County

Brock and Scott, PLLC
5431 Oleander Drive
Wilmington NC, 28403

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
16701 Bald Eagle School Rd
Brandywine, MD 20613

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to ASEEM MITAL, Trustee(s), dated June 6, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 26032, folio 502 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 04-0252825.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $47,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 6.875% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (22-03606)

JOHN ANSELL, JEREMY B. WILKINS, ROBERT A. OLIVERI, AMANDA DRISCOLE, PAUL HEINMULLER, JOHN C. HANRAHAN, KRISTOPHER HAWKINS , Substitute Trustees

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Baltimore, MD 21286
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Jul 23,30,Aug 6, 2026 0012522278

872 Fairfax County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 6012 Park Place, Alexandria, VA 22303

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $457,500.00 dated April 24, 2024 recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for Fairfax County on April 26, 2024 as Instrument Number: 2024017899.001, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction, at the Main entrance of the courthouse for the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on **August 24, 2026 at 02:00 PM** the property described in said deed of trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: All the following described property, situate, lying and being in the County of Fairfax, Virginia, to wit:

Lot 29, Block 8, Section 3 of the Subdivision known as Fair Haven, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 392, at Page 89, corrected in Deed Book 406, at Page 73, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia. Tax ID: 0833 09080029.

TERMS OF SALE: A bidder's deposit of $13,000.00 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required in the form of a certified or cashier's check. Cash will not be accepted as a deposit. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustee may forfeit deposit. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption. Additional terms to be announced at sale. This is a communication from a debt collector. This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

(Trustee # 26-005245)

Substitute Trustee: ALG Trustee, LLC C/O Orlans Law Group PLLC PO Box 2548, Leesburg, VA 20177 (703) 777-7101 website: www.Orlans.com

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873 Prince William County

Trustee's Sale 4715 LEHIGH COURT, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193 (Parcel ID: 002265)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 12/15/2014, in the original principal amount of **$270,019.00** and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Prince William County, Virginia on 12/16/2014, as Instrument No. 201412160090578, Rerecorded on 02/07/2022 as Instrument No. 202203290024778, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **10/8/2026** at 10:00 AM, Prince William County Circuit Court, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110, the property designated as 4715 LEHIGH COURT, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193.

Lot 41, Section 9C-1, Dale City, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 669 at Page 265, among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia.

TERMS: CASH. A deposit of $27,001.90 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than $9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 24-32311, Tel: 888-313-1969

Jul 30,Sep 10,17, 2026 0012523537

851 Prince Georges County

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
5759 FALKLAND PL
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated December 31, 2024, and recorded in Liber 50551, folio 100, of the land records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $339,201.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 18-2026201

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $33,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.75% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-377691)

KEITH YACKO, DAVID WILLIAMSON, Substitute Trustees

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Jul 23,30,Aug 6, 2026 0012522174

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Hunt Valley, MD 21031
470-321-7112

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
2402 W ROSECROFT VILLAGE CIR
OXON HILL, MD 20745

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 26, 2007, and recorded in Liber 27914, folio 491, of the land records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $175,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 12-1331941

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $12,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 7.65% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-371177)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
9100 Taylor Ln
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PAUL SKRICKUS, Trustee(s), dated January 25, 2022, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 47237 , folio 120, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 12-1271063.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $56,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.875% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (25-03916)

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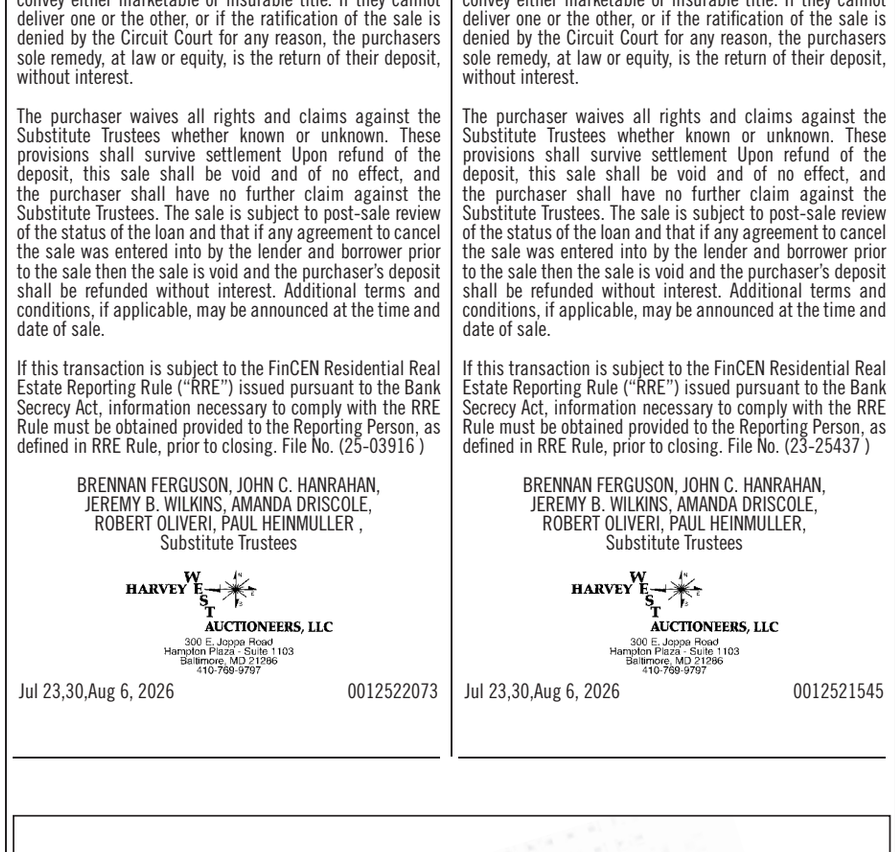

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
2108 Columbia Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20785

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to RICHARD T. CREGGER, Trustee(s), dated March 8, 2007, and recorded among the Land Records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 27473 , folio 353 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 13-1412816.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $11,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 2.0002 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (23-25437)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
14523 HAMPSHIRE HALL CT #1112
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated February 8, 2022, and recorded in Liber 47235, folio 560, of the land records of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $284,900.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 03-3378825

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $26,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.25% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (26-388364)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1290 RITCHIE HWY
ARNOLD, MD 21012

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated March 25, 2011, and recorded in Liber 23469, folio 477, of the land records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $613,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 03-734-32485500

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $67,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.06% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-373326)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1745 ABERDEEN CIRCLE
CROFTON, MD 21114

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated December 15, 2010, and recorded in Liber 23235, folio 226, of the land records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $147,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 02-210-90008869

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $14,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.25% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-351574)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
133 Eastern Avenue
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to JONATHAN BACH, Trustee(s), dated October 20, 2010, and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 22820, folio 87, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

ALL THAT PROPERTY CONVEYED BY DEED OF TRUST RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2010 IN LIBER 22820, FOLIO 87.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 5.56% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.

Trustee's File No. (91809)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
1514 Marlborough Court
Crofton, MD 21114

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PROGRESSIVE LAND TITLE AGENCY, Trustee(s), dated October 26, 2015, MODIFIED ON JULY 24, 2018 IN LIBER 32511 FOLIO 167;and recorded among the Land Records of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 29025 , folio 445 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 ON,

AUGUST 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 02-208-90005721.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $23,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 5% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (22-10677)

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873 Prince William County

Trustee's Sale
4715 LEHIGH COURT,
WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193
(Parcel ID: 002265)

Default having been made in the terms of a certain Deed of Trust dated 12/15/2014, in the original principal amount of $270,019.00 and recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the Prince William County, Virginia on 12/16/2014, as Instrument No. 201412160090578, Rerecorded on 02/07/2022 as Instrument No. 202203290024778, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction on **10/8/2026 at 10:00 AM**, Prince William County Circuit Court, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110, the property designated as 4715 LEHIGH COURT, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22193. Lot 41, Section 9C-1, Dale City, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 669 at Page 265, among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia. TERMS: CASH. A deposit of $27,001.90 or 10% of the sale price, whichever is lower, will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Prior to the sale, interested bidders will be required to register with and must present a bid deposit which may be held during the sale by the trustee. The bid deposit must be certified funds and/or cash, but no more than $9,900.00 of cash will be accepted. The successful bidder's deposit will be retained at the sale and applied to the sale price. If held by the trustee, all other bid deposits will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. Settlement is to be made within 15 days. The successful bidder will be responsible for obtaining possession of the property, and for all costs and fees related to recording the Trustee's Deed, including the grantors tax. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Memorandum of Trustee's Sale, available for review upon request before the sale, outlining additional terms of sale and settlement. A Trustee's Deed will be prepared by Trustee's attorney at high bidder's expense. This is a communication from a debt collector. Vylla Solutions - Virginia, LLC, 283 Constitution Drive, Suite 102, Office B, Virginia Beach, VA 23462, File No. 24-32311, Tel: 888-313-1969

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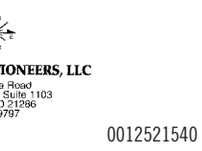

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
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KNOWN AS
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WALDORF, MD 20602

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 25, 2025, and recorded in Liber 13558, folio 83, of the land records of CHARLES COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $424,520.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 12:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-014488

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $42,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (25-369892)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
6016 HARBOR SEAL CT
WALDORF, MD 20603

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated June 23, 2006, and recorded in Liber 5893, folio 383, of the land records of CHARLES COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $319,920.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 12:45 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-187382

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE:A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $30,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 7.0% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (24-208469)

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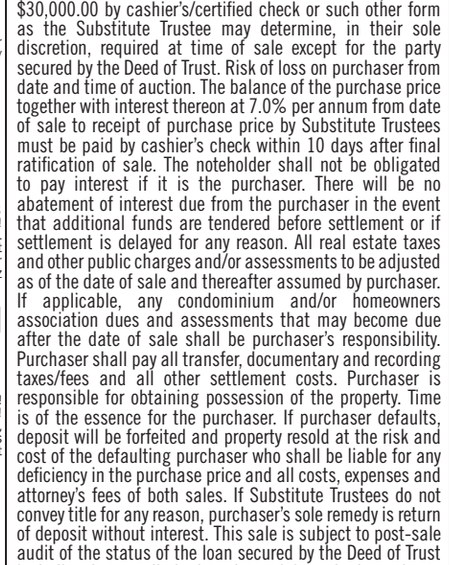

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
8860 Osterly Ct
White Plains, MD 20695

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to DOMA TITLE INSURANCE, INC. , Trustee(s), dated March 16, 2023, and recorded among the Land Records of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 12884 , folio 318 , the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

AUGUST 10, 2026 at 11:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and more fully described in the above-referenced Deed of Trust Tax ID# - 06-305377.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $58,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 6.99 % on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser.

Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public/private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent, and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes hall be paid by purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale.

Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The Substitute Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if the ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the purchasers sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of their deposit, without interest.

The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, may be announced at the time and date of sale.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing. File No. (25-37184)

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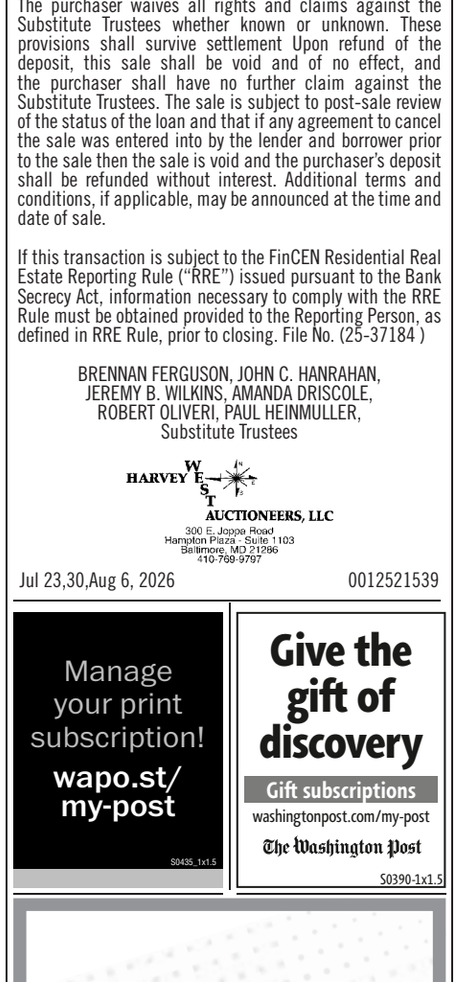

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS
2103 Bear Creek Court
Frederick, MD 21702

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to PRLAP, INC. , Trustee(s), dated March 4, 2009, and recorded among the Land Records of FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND in Liber 7275, folio 0382, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE FREDERICK COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 100 W. PATRICK ST, FREDERICK, MD 21701 ON,

AUGUST 18, 2026 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in FREDERICK COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-NINE (39) AS SHOWN ON A PLAT ENTITLED, "FINAL PLAT-SECTION TWO, PLATS 1-9, LOTS 39-81, 336-365 AND 377-382, WALNUT RIDGE, (A RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 2- SECTION ONE, THE MEDWID/FREE SUBDIVISION RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 62, PAGES 150 THRU 152)", AS PER PLATS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK NO. 67, PAGES 105 THRU 113, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.625% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule (RRE) issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest.

Trustee's File No. (71590)

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Jul 30,Aug 6,13, 2026 0012521211

TRUSTEE'S SALE
515 Gillespie Dr, Frederick, MD 21702

Trustee's Sale of valuable fee simple property improved by premises known as 515 Gillespie Dr, Frederick, MD 21702. By virtue of the power and authority contained in a Deed of Trust, dated April 14, 2020, and recorded in Liber 13710 at Page 448 among the land records of the County of Frederick, in the original principal amount of $353,380.00. Upon default and request for sale, the undersigned trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Courthouse for the COUNTY OF FREDERICK, at 100 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland, on **August 19, 2026 at 9:30 AM,** all that property described in said Deed of Trust including but not limited to:

Tax ID# 02-596648

Said property is in fee simple and is improved by a dwelling and is sold in "as is condition" and subject to all superior covenants, conditions, liens, restrictions, easement, rights-of-way, as may affect same, if any.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of 10% of the sale price, cash or certified funds shall be required at the time of sale. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 6.00% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale.

Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser.

If applicable, condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is the return of the deposit. Trustee's File No. 22-292127.

If this transaction is subject to the FinCEN Residential Real Estate Reporting Rule ("RRE") issued pursuant to the Bank Secrecy Act, information necessary to comply with the RRE Rule must be obtained and provided to the Reporting Person, as defined in RRE Rule, prior to closing.

The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within fifteen days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale.

William M. Savage, et al., Substitute Trustees.

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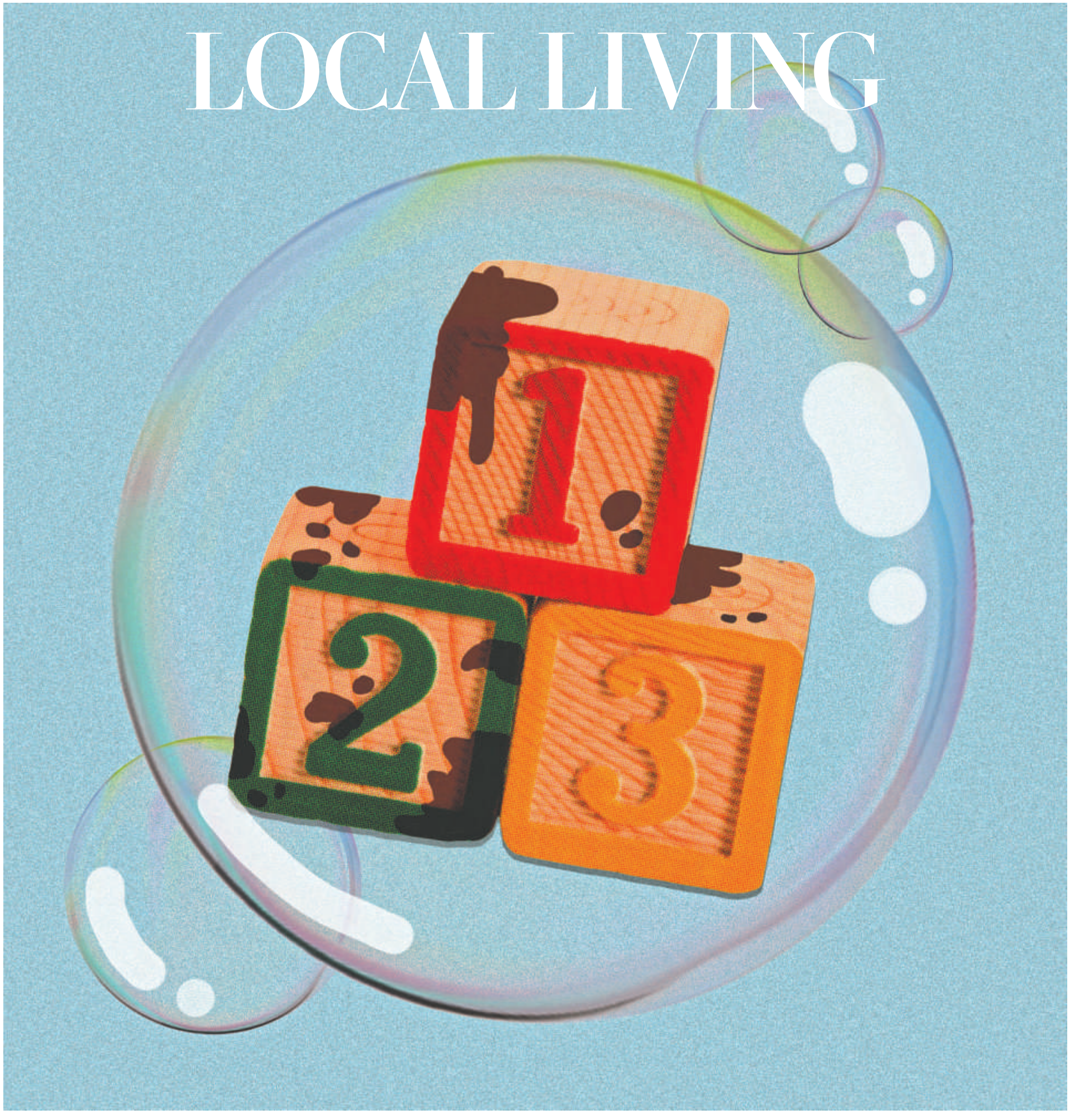

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From left, a bumble bee orchid, whose resemblance to a female bee tricks mate-seeking males into landing on it and pollinating the flower; a monkey orchid, which looks like an adorable monkey's face; a naked man orchid, which needs no explanation; and a swaddled baby orchid, whose petals approximate an infant lovingly wrapped in a blanket.

5 orchids that mimic animals, insects and even a naked man

BY JESSICA DAMIANO
Associated Press

Like most gardeners, I occasionally stumble upon fruits and flowers that resemble something else. But a naked man was not on my botanical bingo card.

Sure, tomatoes can be mischievous, taking on the shape of horned animals, Russian dolls, large-nosed characters and even unmentionables when exposed to extreme temperatures and vivid imaginations. But I thought orchids were more polite.

As it turns out, they aren't. You don't have to squint very hard to see the uncanny resemblance that some of them bear to animals, insects and even people. These are the five that impress and amuse me the most.

Orchis italica, a.k.a. the naked man orchid, smiles broadly as he hangs off the plant with his legs splayed and arms extended as if requesting a hug. Let's just say his decision to forgo pants is obvious.

Sometimes called "Italian orchid," naked man hails from the sunny Mediterranean region, which also may explain his decision to wear what resembles a hat. He thrives in partial shade and infertile soil, where the plant grows up to 20 inches tall before flowers make their mid-spring appearance.

The dove orchid looks remarkably like its namesake and features lovely purple-specked "wings."

Swaddled baby (***Anguloa uniflora***) is a two-foot tulip orchid that grows only in the Andes region of South America, where high humidity is essential for its survival. The flower's pink-to-white petal formation resembles a newborn baby wrapped in a blanket.

Dove orchid (***Peristeria elata***) looks remarkably like its namesake, with blossoms that resemble the bird's head, beak, body, tail and purple-speckled wings.

The national flower of Panama, where the plant is called flor del Espíritu Santo (flower of the Holy Spirit), it has upright stems that can grow up to three feet long, each bearing a succession of as many as 20 blooms.

The dove orchid thrives in warm conditions and requires ample air circulation and consistently moist roots.

Bumble bee orchid (***Ophrys bombyliflora***) is probably the most cunning on this list, as its scent and flower bear an uncanny resemblance to a female solitary bee. The Mediterranean beauty's mimicry tricks mate-seeking male bees into landing on it, only to have their hopes dashed. They may leave disappointed, but not before inadvertently pollinating the flower and other nearby orchids, contributing to the propagation of the species.

Monkey orchid (***Dracula chimaera***) is native to the high-altitude, humid forests of the Andes Mountains. The plant likes it cool, moist and at least partially shady. Growing just six to 12 inches tall and wide, its two-inch-wide flowers each bear a striking resemblance to an adorable monkey's face.

Unlike malformed tomatoes, these orchids' appearances are exactly what nature intended. Although you may be able to find them for sale at specialty nurseries or in plant catalogues, growing them at home would require replicating their respective native climates, such as in a greenhouse or by providing humidifiers or other accommodations.

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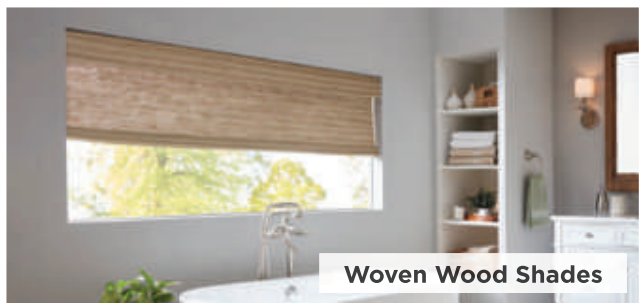
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Outlets used to be a place to find marked-down designer goods, but nowadays, many of them are teeming with low-quality merchandise made specifically for the outlet.

At many outlet stores, you're probably not getting what you think

BY JENNIFER BARGER

The words "outlet mall" or "factory store" make many shoppers envision marked-down designer bags, slightly damaged furniture or first-quality, last-season fashions at steep discounts. But a new study by nonprofit Consumers' Checkbook found that many companies are simply churning out cheaper merch just for their "discount" locations. Checkbook staffers spent three months visiting 40 brand-name outlets, scrutinizing online terms and conditions, and trying to figure out what exactly off-price stores were selling.

We also scoured the internet for intel and rumors about who sells what and emailed company public relations staff for clarification on what their brands' outlets sell, but only one of those 40 brands responded. Sales reps and managers at local outlet stores were more helpful.

What we found was that about half of the off-price stores we investigated — particularly mid-priced apparel stores like J. Crew and Banana Republic — are selling made-for-outlet goods, usually with cheaper fabrications and fewer fine details than mainline-store merchandise.

"Outlets are very different from what general folks perceive they are," said Gonca Soysal, a retail expert who wrote a study on outlet malls when she was a professor at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Other factory stores mix made-for-outlet products with clearance items from their original brands. Then there are house-ware chains and some high-end designers that operate genuine clearance centers with discounted merchandise that once appeared in regular stores: a floor-model Pottery Barn dresser; last season's Burberry trench coat.

Outlets: Then versus now

Outlet stores started as small, manufacturer-run businesses — often near the factories making the rain boots, button-downs or sofas. They sold past-season, overstock or slightly damaged products at big discounts. Outlet malls began popping up in the late 20th century, fueled by big-name off-price stores from the likes of L.L. Bean and Coach.

"The appeal of outlets was that scavenger hunt aspect, the idea that you could buy something for $50 but think that someone else had paid $500 for the same thing," said Kristin McGrath, a senior editor for the Krazy Coupon Lady, a bargain-sourcing website. Outlets were usually located at least an hour's drive from major metropolitan areas, an attempt to keep these bargain boutiques from cannibalizing the customer base willing to pay full price at the local mall.

But the rise of fast fashion — and an increasingly bargain-hungry populace — meant shoppers wanted more deals. So brands like Ann Taylor, Gap and J. Crew opened off-price stores. These presumably became so popular that they were impossible to fill with leftovers or older goods. As a result, many retailers started manufacturing completely different, lower-quality, lower-priced merchandise for their "outlet" or "factory" locations. The dresses, shoes, and bags looked similar, but corners were and are being cut somewhere: shoddier construction, fewer stylish details, inferior materials. Many outlet stores bear signs with the company name but no mention of outlet, clearance or factory. Some use different labels and logos on outlet merchandise, but it's often an if-you-know-you-know secret.

"Companies are subtle about branding and labels for outlets because they don't want to lose their magic," said Soysal. "If they say, 'This is a different product,' then that illusion vanishes."

Another hint that the stuff at outlets may never have been on the floor at your local mall? Many brands now operate more off-price stores than regular ones.

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To spot the real bargains, you'll have to sift through a lot of junk

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For instance, there are 96 Ann Taylor stores — but 122 Ann Taylor Factory stores — across the United States, and just 93 Nordstrom department stores compared to 269 Nordstrom Racks.

Yes, prices at outlet stores are usually lower than those at mainline stores for similar items, but even a casual glance at a fabric composition tag or a look at the stitching on a bag reveals significant quality differences.

Figuring out the whole made-for-outlet code is needlessly confusing for shoppers. Consumer advocates have filed class-action lawsuits against brands including Samsonite, Coach and Oakley, accusing their outlets of deceptive sales practices by not disclosing made-for-outlet items or advertising fake sales or discounts. Most such cases have been settled out of court.

If you want to shop at outlets, arm yourself with a few tips.

Know which stores offer only made-for-outlet merchandise

Checkbook made a list of big stores that only (or mostly) stock made-for-outlet items (the full report is at *Checkbook.org/WashingtonPost/outlets*). If you shop at them, you're getting a completely different product than you'll find at department stores or mainline shops. "A brand you know at full price might have a certain standard of quality that isn't the same at the outlet," said Pamela N. Danzinger, an outlet-mall expert.

Don't believe tags with 'compare at' or 'MSRP'

These are outlet and off-price marketing tricks and don't mean anything. If an item came from an original store or maker, it'll usually have a price tag reflecting that (e.g., a mainline Nordstrom tag), sometimes with little low-tech stickers planted over original prices.

Know your brand

Whether you're bargain hunting for last-season or overstock stuff at a clearance center or a thrift store, it helps to be familiar with the mainline brand's styling, fabrication, construction and quality. This can also help you separate made-for-outlet junk from better-made original items: For instance, the ballet flats we spotted at the Tory Burch outlet have plastic soles and retail for around $120; mainline Tory ballerinas cost $200 or more and usually sport leather soles.

Expect chaos at stores offering real deals

True outlets (a.k.a. clearance centers) are a mixed bag, stocking things people didn't buy at regular price in regular stores, floor-model furniture and, in the case of Anthropologie/Free People's Reclectic outlets, used rental garments. You should go into it knowing there will be limited sizing, restrictive return policies and possibly slightly damaged goods. Part of the reason off-price stores started producing made-for-outlet goods was that consumers got tired of this treasure hunt.

Compare prices

Check prices of similar items currently for sale at the mainline store. If Banana Republic's regular store is running 40 percent off, you'll probably get a nicer sweater or shirt there than if you buy the made-for-outlet version.

Similarly, when shopping outlet or factory stores for Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, New Balance and other brands that also sell stuff in department stores, Amazon, etc., compare what you'll pay in the brand-operated stores with what you'd pay elsewhere. Our researchers often dug up better deals by buying online, not from outlets.

Check for coupons

Outlet malls and stores often have discount coupons, usually digital but occasionally old-school paper. Sign up for outlet stores' email and traditional mailing lists (some outlets send postcards with deals) and check with outlet mall offices; many offer coupon books for guests.

Consider secondhand instead

Dying for a Coach purse or a J. Crew jacket? Think about purchasing it at a local consignment store or online via ThredUp, Poshmark, TheRealReal, eBay, etc. If you know how to look for the mainline brand label or logo, you can probably land a high-quality item for less money.

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For parents, a new world of germs

There's a lot to clean with a newborn. These guidelines can help you keep your baby safe — and your sanity intact.

BY JOLIE KERR

Becoming a new parent brings many joys — and plenty of challenges, especially around the safety and health of your newborn. Cleaning — including doing laundry, disinfecting surfaces and preventing cross-contamination — is an essential part of caring for an infant.

To help parents navigate cleaning and safety protocols, the American Cleaning Institute (ACI) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) partnered to create a set of cleaning guidelines that rely on scientifically backed and medically supported information. The guidelines are available on the ACI and AAFP websites.

"Parents today feel inundated with conflicting advice on how to keep their children healthy," says ACI spokesman Brian Sansoni. "So we see this collaboration between health and hygiene experts and medical professionals as key to producing trustworthy resources parents can rely on."

In a time when social media quickly and easily amplifies misinformation and disinformation, the AAFP and ACI view these guidelines as a valuable resource for new parents.

"We know parents are getting advice from a wide range of sources," Sansoni says. "With social media's influence today, a lot of that advice is coming from voices who may not be aligned with scientifically backed recommendations."

Preventing cross-contamination during diaper changing

When changing a diaper, the guidelines emphasize washing hands well before and after handling a soiled diaper, and cleaning the changing table or pad after each use to reduce the risk of cross-contamination. When it is not possible to wash your hands, use wipes to remove solid or liquid waste and follow with hand sanitizer to eliminate germs and bacteria.

But if the idea of so much hand-washing seems like a lot, don't worry too much, says Libby Wetterer, a family physician in Philadelphia who helped develop the guidelines.

"A guideline is something to strive toward, but it's a guideline — it's not directions of how you have to do something. You ultimately will share some germs with your baby," she says. "Is it really important that you're not moving fecal matter from surface to surface? Yes. But if you don't wash your hands at every single step of the process, it will be okay."

Cleaning and sterilizing baby bottles

The guidelines for cleaning and sterilizing baby bottles are most crucial when babies are younger than 2 months old, were born prematurely or have a weakened immune system. "That first two to six months are definitely more important," Wetterer says of sterilizing bottles.

To sterilize a bottle, either use the sanitizing cycle on the dishwasher; place the bottle parts in boiling water for five minutes before removing them with a clean utensil and allowing them to dry; steam them in the microwave or in a steaming device; or, if no other options are available, make a solution of two teaspoons unscented bleach to a gallon of water and soak the bottle parts for at least two minutes before rinsing and drying well.

Wetterer says that, given the choice, using the dishwasher or a steaming device is ideal. "The nice thing about using either a dishwasher with a dry cycle or an on-the-counter bottle sterilizer is that it does help dry the bottles," she says, which reduces the risk of waterborne bacteria forming in wet bottles.

Tips for doing baby's laundry, including washing cloth diapers

When it comes to doing an infant's laundry, Wetterer recommends washing it in its own load. But, she says, "if you don't, it's not the end of the world." In that case, she advises keeping a separate hamper for the baby's clothes, sheets and towels. Use the correct amount of detergent — avoid overdosing — to prevent skin irritation caused by detergent residue, and opt for a laundry detergent made for newborns.

Parents who use cloth diapers should launder soiled diapers at least every other day, and cloth diapers should be washed in their own load, separate from other items. Prep the diapers by removing solid waste, then wash and dry them according to the care instructions. If possible, air-dry cloth diapers to help maintain their waterproofing. Households using cloth diapers will also need to clean the washing machine once a month to prevent contamination caused by soil buildup in the drum and other parts.

Cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing surfaces

Cleaning, disinfecting and sanitizing is especially important in homes with infants, and understanding the difference between the methods, as well as when to use one over another, is an essential part of keeping your household safe and healthy. "**Disinfecting** refers to using a chemical to kill germs," says Jess Steier, a public health scientist and founder of Unbiased Science. It is "typically reserved for high chairs or high-contact surfaces when there's contact with raw meat, if the baby has a blowout in the high chair or if there's illness circulating in the household."

Sterilizing is the use of heat to fully kill microorganisms, but Steier clarifies that the term "sterilizing," when used in regards to baby bottles and pacifiers, actually refers to **sanitizing**, that is, "killing the majority of germs instead of every single one."

"A truly sterile environment is not possible," she says, "and a baby's immune system can handle exposure to ordinary household germs." New parents are advised to minimize as many germs as possible, she adds, but "we don't need to stress about doing this constantly."

Steier emphasizes that day-to-day, **cleaning** — removing unwanted contaminants from a surface or material — is sufficient. "For changing tables, good old soap and water or baby-safe surface wipes work well for everyday use," she says. She recommends cleaning high chair trays after every meal with soap and water or a baby-safe surface wipe, "but you don't need to do a deep cleaning every time. Reserve the deep cleaning [sanitizing or disinfecting] about one to two times per week or if it's visibly grimy."

Keeping cleaning anxiety in check

The experts emphasize that these guidelines are just that — *guidelines*. Although cleaning and other safety measures are important in homes with infants, it is equally important for caregivers to keep a check on their anxiety levels.

"The anxiety that comes with bringing home a new baby can be quite overwhelming," Steier says, "and many parents think they need to create a germfree bubble for their infant. But that is not possible and not the goal. There is no need to clean constantly."

If concerns over cleanliness and safety are taking over your thoughts, it could be a sign of a larger problem. "We talk about postpartum depression, and don't talk about postpartum anxiety, which I think is just as common, and we don't have as many good stats on it," Wetterer says, adding that evidence points to peripartum mood disorders being present in 1 in 5 people postpartum. Anxiety is a natural part of new parenthood, but it shouldn't be so overwhelming that it becomes debilitating.

"If things are to the point of being unable to get out of the house or unable to have mild flexibility," Wetterer says, speak to a safe person in your life. "Things like anxiety and rumination can get pretty out of control."

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Study ties ADHD symptoms in boys to addictive social media use

BY CAITLIN GIBSON

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A new study adds to growing research linking increased social media use to detrimental effects on attention, memory and cognition.

The adolescent boys indicated in the questionnaire that they found themselves frequently thinking about social media. They wanted to use it less often, but felt unable to stop. A year later, when their parents were asked about their children's behavior, those same boys were more likely to demonstrate rising symptoms of ADHD.

This finding, from a new study by researchers at the University of California at San Francisco, adds to growing research linking increased social media use to detrimental effects on attention, memory and cognition. Particularly where children are concerned, researchers have long sought to understand the dynamic between youth mental health and their online activity. UCSF's new study, published this month in the journal JAMA Network Open, suggests that addictive social media use among adolescent boys could contribute to worsening ADHD symptoms.

The study followed more than 11,000 U.S. adolescents over five years, with participants first asked about their social media use at the average age of 12, and surveyed annually through the average age of 16. Researchers found that increases in addictive social media use were followed by rising ADHD one year later — particularly among boys who reported rising addictive social media use at ages 14 and 15. This association was not found consistently in reverse, meaning that ADHD symptoms did not appear to precede higher levels of addictive social media use.

"This isn't a randomized control test, so we can't definitively prove causation," said Jason Nagata, lead author of the study and an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of California at San Francisco, "but we can show that the association tends to go in that one direction."

Addictive social media use (also referred to as problematic social media use) shares similar symptoms to substance addiction, "including withdrawal, tolerance, relapse and impaired control," Nagata said.

In this scenario, a teen often feels they can't limit the amount of time they spend on social media — and when they try, it causes further distress or conflict, Nagata said. A teen might find that their social media use is interfering with their sleep, their schoolwork, or their relationships with friends and family.

Among the survey respondents at age 12, Nagata said, about 23 percent said that they spent a lot of time thinking about social media use, or planning future social media use; about 18 percent said they used social media apps to forget about their problems; and about 15 percent said they tried to use their social media apps less, but found they could not.

The parents of those children were subsequently surveyed about symptoms they had observed in their children. For instance, they were asked how often their children failed to finish things they started; could not concentrate or pay attention; struggled to sit still; or behaved impulsively.

Some of the adolescents in the study already demonstrated ADHD symptoms at age 12, Nagata noted, while others did not. The findings reflect individual changes over time, he explained: "When an individual adolescent's addictive social media use score increased from one year to the next, that same adolescent tended to show an increase in ADHD symptoms in the following year."

The new study suggests that parents should take note of how teens are using social media, rather than just how often they're online. "Most parents are very focused on total screen time, but this is more about specific red flags" and patterns of problematic use, Nagata said.

He urged parents to consider: "Can their kids stop if they want to? Is social media interfering with their schoolwork? Is it impairing their social relationships? Are there addiction-like symptoms, like withdrawal and relapse?"

Approximately 7 million American children between the ages of 3 and 17 have received an ADHD diagnosis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and boys are diagnosed with ADHD at about twice the rate of girls.

The study did not find a clear link between addictive social media use and ADHD among girls, Nagata said. "Some studies do suggest that teenage boys in particular may be more sensitive to immediate reward and sensation-seeking in adolescence," he said.

And social media platforms are designed to provide exactly that: "It encourages frequent task-switching, and there's this constant stream of stimulation that might make it harder for adolescents to maintain and sustain attention that is needed for schoolwork and daily life," he said. "The design features of social media offer the constant reinforcement of impulsivity — it offers immediate gratification and novelty and it encourages multitasking, which can then override working memory and executive control."

Experts have long noted that this kind of digital exposure is particularly significant during critical stages of mental, social-emotional and cognitive development. "For kids and teens who are still developing, they are more vulnerable to influence," said Judy Chu, a developmental psychologist and the author of "When Boys Become Boys: Development, Relationships, and Masculinity." "It's hard to deny that screen time is going to impact attention and focus."

Anecdotally, she added, she has heard similar reports from her college-age students, regarding their compulsive social media use and its effect on their attention. "They talk about how they have to really, actively make an effort to not be sucked in," she said. "Even adults can't really resist it. So it's really hard to expect young people to put phones down and walk away."

The UCSF researchers analyzed data from the national Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Study, which includes a racially and economically diverse sample of children who are participating in the largest long-term study of brain development and child health conducted in the U.S. This is significant, Nagata noted, because much of the prior research about the associations between social media use and children's mental health might capture only one particular moment in a child's experience — "a single snapshot in time," Nagata said, versus the opportunity to follow changes in a child's life over a period of years.

This latest study builds on previous findings by Nagata's research team indicating that more frequent social media use among tweens and teens is linked to subsequent mental health or cognitive issues including symptoms of depression as well as lower cognitive performance.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that families create a media plan for the household, and Nagata noted that having dedicated "screen-free zones" has shown to help reduce addictive social media use. Eliminating screens in a child's bedroom is particularly beneficial, he said, as are screen-free family mealtimes.

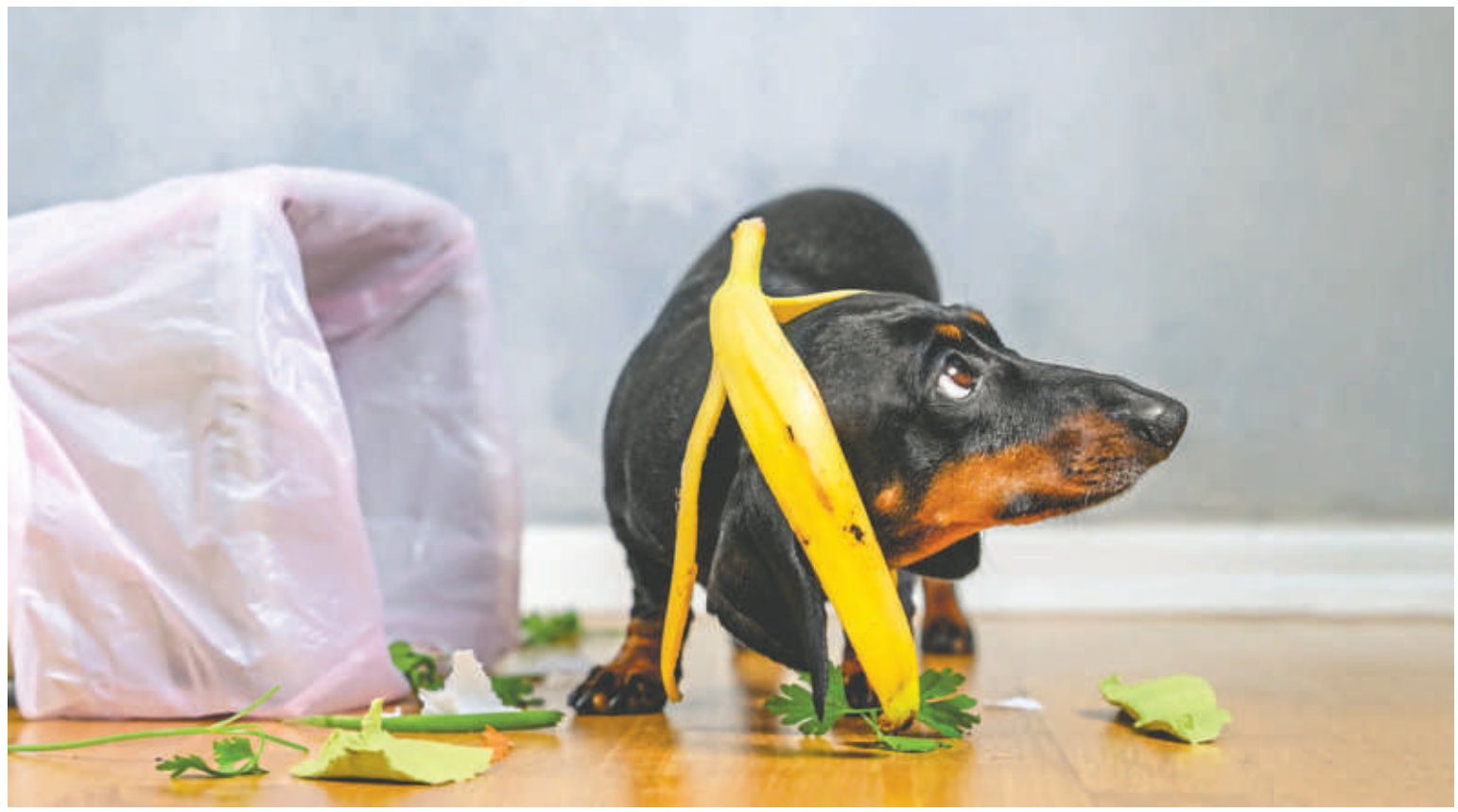
And it's especially important for parents themselves to demonstrate a healthier relationship with screens and social media. "One of our previous findings was that parental screen use is a very strong predictor of kids' screen use," Nagata said. "So I think that's really important — that not only do you set rules, but you have to follow the rules, too, and be a good role model."

So Fido got into the trash and had a feast. Here's what to do.

Ask a Vet

JANE SYKES

Q: My dog got into the trash and now is vomiting. What should I do?



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Dogs are very susceptible to pancreatitis, a dangerous condition that can occur when they eat high-fat foods, such as discarded fast food.

A: Dogs eat just about anything — toys, paper, socks, rocks, condoms, underwear, electronics — the list goes on and on. Some dogs get away unharmed after eating all sorts of garbage. Other dogs have exquisitely sensitive stomachs — just a tiny bite of something weird leads to blowout diarrhea and vomiting. In most cases, these signs resolve after 24 to 48 hours with a bland diet.

If they don't, see your vet as soon as possible.

Dogs that don't feel better after getting into trash might have eaten something that caused a physical blockage (like a corn cob or dog toy that obstructs the normal passage of food through the stomach — we call these foreign bodies).

They might have eaten something poisonous (like discarded human medications), or they could have a bacterial infection from rotting or raw foods (equivalent to food poisoning in people).

Dogs are also very susceptible to a condition called pancreatitis, which can follow consumption of fatty foods (like discarded fast foods). Initially, vets will treat these dogs with fluids to combat dehydration and do some basic tests, such as bloodwork and an abdominal X-ray to look for evidence of a foreign body.

Once, I treated a sweet, smooth-coated collie named Brit, who was owned by a soft-spoken man who belonged to a hardcore motorcycle group. Lovingly, Brit's owner fed him a $1 deep-fried taco. Within a day or two, the dog stopped eating and started vomiting.

Brit had pancreatitis.

Brit also developed a life-threatening complication of pancreatitis called diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA). DKA typically requires days to weeks of hospitalization, continuous treatment with intravenous insulin and special dietary management. I ended up fostering Brit during his recuperation. After several weeks, Brit recovered, but he required lifelong twice-daily insulin treatment (given as an injection under his skin).

To make matters worse, Brit developed diabetic cataracts and became blind. Thanks to funds that the owner crowdsourced from his friends, Brit's sight was restored after cataract surgery. Ultimately, the cost of that $1 taco ended up amounting to over $20,000.

What is pancreatitis?

The pancreas, which lies between the liver and the stomach, makes special enzymes that are secreted into the intestines after a meal to help break down food particles. However, sometimes these spill into surrounding tissues and digest the pancreas itself, with more enzyme spillage and severe inflammation — a vicious cycle.

In addition to containing cells that make digestive enzymes, the pancreas contains the cells that make insulin. When pancreatic enzymes destroy these cells, the body can't make insulin, leading to diabetes, which is typically irreversible.

When pancreatic enzymes spill into the blood, this can lead to multiple organ failure, including cardiac arrest and death.

Pancreatitis is common in dogs

Brit's story seems dramatic, but it's not uncommon. At UC Davis, we diagnose dogs with pancreatitis multiple times a week. In a study of over 43,500 dogs enrolled in the Dog Aging Project, pancreatitis was one of the most common owner-reported causes of gastrointestinal illness.

Although some dogs seem to get pancreatitis from eating high-fat diets or getting into trash, "high-fat foods are not the only story," said Harry Cridge, a small animal internal medicine specialist at Michigan State University who studies pancreatitis in dogs. Conditions that predispose to high blood lipid levels can also increase the risk for pancreatitis, especially hypertriglyceridemia, a hereditary condition in breeds like miniature schnauzers and Shetland sheepdogs. Other breeds that are at risk for pancreatitis include miniature dachshunds, poodles and cocker spaniels. Common dog endocrine diseases that increase blood lipid levels (such as Cushing's disease and hypothyroidism) can also predispose dogs to pancreatitis.

Dogs with pancreatitis can have a gut-ache, picky appetite and lethargy, and they might show other signs of nausea, such as repeated swallowing or drooling. Dogs with abdominal pain might yelp or try to bite when they're picked up, or they might periodically go into a downward dog pose (known as "the prayer sign") — which seems to provide some relief.

Dogs with chronic pancreatitis can have signs that wax and wane for months to years. In dogs with acute pancreatitis (like Brit), signs of not eating, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain appear suddenly and can be severe. Dogs with severe pancreatitis can vomit multiple times a day, have bloody diarrhea and be so weak that they are unable to stand.

How do vets diagnose pancreatitis?

Your vet might suspect pancreatitis after asking questions about diet (including access to trash), doing a physical exam to look for signs of abdominal pain and ruling out other causes by doing bloodwork and taking X-rays of your dog's abdomen to look for an obstruction. "More advanced tests for pancreatitis, such as specialized blood tests and an abdominal ultrasound, are often reserved for dogs that have recurrent signs or those that are more severely affected," Cridge said. However, pancreatitis can be hard to diagnose. Some dogs — especially those with mild signs — can have normal blood tests and even a pancreas that looks normal using ultrasound.

How is pancreatitis treated?

Dogs with acute pancreatitis often need to be hospitalized and are given fluids through a vein, medications to stop them from vomiting, nutrition (such as through a feeding tube), pain control and other supportive treatments. Cridge recently published a study that showed that dogs with mild to moderate disease can sometimes be successfully treated on an outpatient basis, with fluids given under the skin and a novel wearable device that continuously infuses pain medication.

Dogs with milder, more chronic forms of pancreatitis are typically managed by feeding them a diet that is low in fat, although Cridge said that many of these dogs still have recurrent problems. "Identifying and managing any underlying lipid disorders or endocrine diseases [like diabetes, Cushing's disease, or hypothyroidism] can be just as important in preventing disease relapse," he said. Medications to help with nausea and vomiting can be given at home.

Can I stop my dog from getting pancreatitis?

Avoid feeding your dog high-fat foods, including table scraps, and prevent them from getting into garbage. However, your dog could still get pancreatitis, especially if you have a predisposed breed. See your vet yearly for wellness care so any endocrine problems or hyperlipidemia can be identified and managed. If your dog gets sick, seek care early; because pancreatitis is self-perpetuating, early intervention can prevent it from progressing from just a mild stomach upset to a condition that costs thousands of dollars to treat and could threaten your dog's life.

Have questions about your pet's behavior, health or other issues? Submit them to Dr. Sykes at *wapo.st/askavet*.

TORI CANNARELLI

A dog lost her spunk. Then along came a duck.

BY SYDNEY PAGE

For months, Barley was not herself.

The golden retriever, now 7 years old, was diagnosed with epilepsy in February 2024 after a string of seizures. Although medication made the seizures stop, it also dulled Barley's personality.

"She lost her goldenness, her fun, her spunk," said Tori Cannarelli, Barley's owner who lives in Brookhaven, a suburban town on Long Island. "She was always sleeping or mopey. It was heartbreaking."

But Barley's playfulness began to reemerge in May 2024, when a 4-day-old duckling arrived at their home. Barley stuck her snout into the duckling's small enclosure, and the two locked eyes. It was then that an unlikely friendship was born.

"They fell in love with each other instantly," Cannarelli said. "It was the weirdest thing."

The duckling showed up at their house after Cannarelli's husband saw a Facebook post by an elementary-school teacher looking to rehome two ducklings. Her husband said he planned to keep them at their house just for the weekend before bringing them to the local garden center he runs. One of the two ducklings died on the first night.

"We don't know why," Cannarelli said, explaining that they believe the animal was ill when it arrived at their home.

The surviving duckling, an American Pekin they named Louie, never made it to the garden center. They kept him because Cannarelli suspected the tiny duck was bringing Barley back out of her shell.

"Maybe she was lonely, I'm not really sure," Cannarelli said, adding that their vet said behavioral changes can happen when dogs start epilepsy medication.

Within a few weeks, Barley and Louie were inseparable. Every morning, Barley would go to Louie's outdoor pen, which has a wind-protected shed and a small pool.

"You don't expect that friendship, and it's nice to see," Cannarelli said.

Pekin ducks are domesticated, cannot fly and don't exist in the wild. They can live up to 12 years.

"The duck is constantly following around the dog," said Cannarelli,

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Louie, a Pekin duck, with Barley, a 7-year-old golden retriever. Louie and Barley met in May 2024, when Louie was just 4 days old and Barley was starting an epilepsy medication that dulled her personality. The pair quickly became friends.

Odd-duck pairing delights the internet

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who has two children, ages 9 and 11. "They roll around together all day long."

They occasionally wrestle — though always gently, Cannarelli said.

"Every now and then, she'll get the zoomies and romp around and play with the duck as if he's a puppy," Cannarelli said.

They also spar over food. Louie is a vegetarian, and his favorite foods are tomatoes, peas and cucumbers, which Barley enjoys, too. They often snag bites from each other's dishes, and Louie prefers eating out of a dog bowl to eating out of a duck feeder.

"The duck has no idea he's a duck. He thinks he's a dog," Cannarelli said.

That impression isn't just a joke, said Stanley Coren, professor emeritus of psychology at the University of British Columbia and the author of "How to Speak Dog."

"If you're getting these heterogeneous species living together," Coren said, "they will pick up on the behaviors of the others who they're living with."

Golden retrievers, Coren added, are among the breeds most likely to form this kind of bond with another species.

"If you presented a duck to a terrier, the duck is gone," Coren said. "Retrievers are much more interested in retrieving than they are in hunting."

In this case, the timing mattered, too. Although dogs are predators and ducks are prey, young mammals and some ducks give off an odor that can sometimes trigger a protective instinct in animals around them — especially females, according to Coren.

"That means the initial contact which the dog makes with the duck is going to have this protective mothering kind of a halo," he said, noting that he doubts the bond would have formed the same way if Louie was an adult duck when he met Barley. "Over time, that can turn into a friendship."

Coren said he is not surprised Barley perked up after Louie appeared.

"Dogs are highly sociable and so are ducks, so they feel more comfortable having somebody familiar and nonthreatening nearby," he said. "There really is an emotional bond, and it can be cross-species."

Cameron, 11, and Charlotte, 9, with Barley and Louie. The duck follows the dog around, and they even wrestle — gently.

PHOTOS BY TORI CANNARELLI

Shortly after Louie arrived at their home, Cannarelli started an Instagram account to chronicle their unusual relationship. She had been sending her colleagues photos and videos when they suggested she make an account.

"I started it as a joke for the office girls," Cannarelli said.

For two years, the account had a relatively small following, but in the past few months, it suddenly took off. Some of her videos have drawn millions of views.

"I'm completely blown away," said Cannarelli, who refers to Louie as Barley's "emotional support duck."

People online are charmed by their dynamic.

"This beautiful story should be a book for kids," someone commented on a recent post.

Cannarelli said having a pet duck is not for everyone.

"They're very messy, they're a lot of work," she said. "You really have to love them and take care of them and keep them clean."

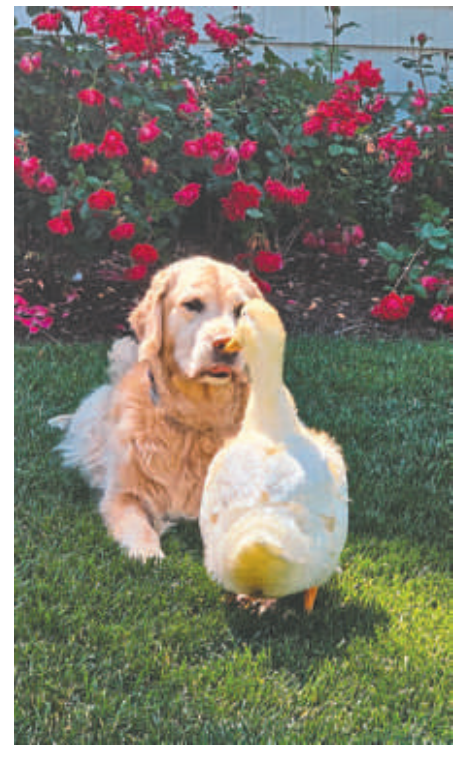
Still, she said, Louie has become a fixture in their family.

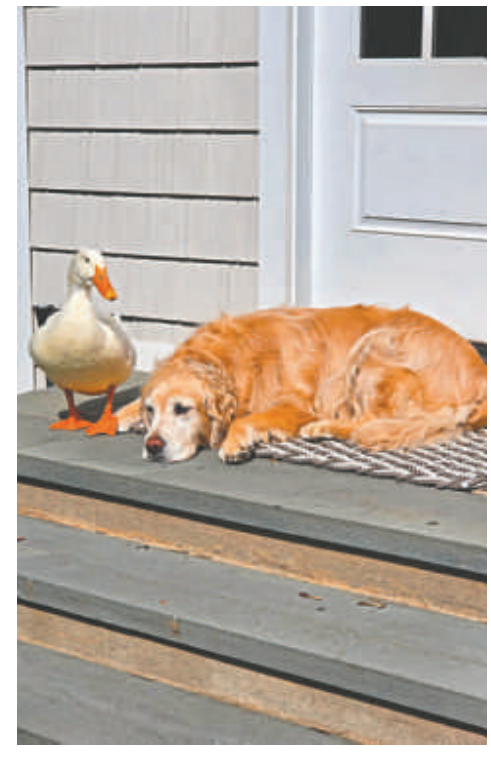
"We all got attached to him. … It's not something I thought was ever going to be in my future, but now that he's here, I seriously love him," Cannarelli said. "He's even on our Christmas card."

She said she plans to continue sharing Barley and Louie's friendship.

"I want to give people something to smile about," she said.

When Barley met Louie, above, the pair locked eyes and became fast friends. The Cannarelli family didn't expect to keep Louie when the duckling showed up at their house one day in 2024.





Barley and Louie going snout to beak, above left. "The duck has no idea he's a duck. He thinks he's a dog," said Barley's owner, Tori Cannarelli, who lives on Long Island.

Home Sales

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

These sales data recorded by the D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue were provided by Black Knight Inc.

NORTHEAST

Baldwin Cres., 2518, $840,000.
Central Ave., 4924, $277,000.
Clay Pl., 3344, $263,000.
D St., 1030, $1.09 million.
Eastern Ave., 4850, $699,000.
Evarts St., 1453, $600,600.
Florida Ave., 1017, $665,000.
Girard St., 1230, $735,000.
Holmwood Dr., 437, $899,900.
Kearny St., 1307, $899,000.
Maryland Ave., 1107, $1.2 million.
Montello Ave., 1732, No. 7, $499,900.
Neal St., 1169, No. 1, $665,000.
Oklahoma Ave., 542, $560,000.
Rand Pl., 2115, $360,000.
Sargent Rd., 4522, $725,000.
Tennessee Ave., 324, $1.19 million.
Third St., 429, $1.04 million.
Fifth St., 113, $1.32 million.
Seventh St., 705, $1.15 million.
10th St., 252, $995,000.
14th St., 603, $825,000.
18th St., 717, No. 1, $399,000.
20th St., 4217, $800,000.
24th St., 539, $645,000.
34th St., 318, $275,000.
60th St., 317, $190,800.

NORTHWEST

Bates St., 119, No. 2, $689,900.
Benton St., 3822, $1.2 million.
Brandywine St., 4420, $1.28 million.
California St., 1858, No. 20, $695,000.
Cathedral Ave., 3013, $2.52 million.
Chain Bridge Rd., 3030, $20 million.
Chevy Chase Pkwy., 5437, $1.55 million.
Columbia Rd., 660, $1.14 million.
Columbia Rd., 1851, No. 310, $408,000.
Connecticut Ave., 3701, No. 524, $395,000.
D St., 631, No. 431, $389,000.
Dexter St., 4501, $2.65 million.
E St., 915, No. 1111, $385,000.
Farragut St., 640, $1.14 million.
Foxhall Rd., 1610, $3.42 million.
Garfield St., 3111, $2.31 million.
Girard St., 1471, No. 3, $570,000.
Harrison St., 3914, $2.05 million.
Holly St., 1321, $715,000.
Illinois Ave., 4022, $797,000.
Ingraham St., 1406, $1.09 million.
K St., 1150, No. 1107, $427,500.
Kansas Ave., 4402, $789,900.
Lamont St., 1038, No. 1A, $349,000.
Lanier Pl., 1793, No. 4, $715,000.
M St., 910, No. 116, $650,000.
Macomb St., 5108, $2.4 million.
Massachusetts Ave., 1312, No. 502, $377,000.
Meridian Pl., 1438, No. 202, $370,000.
Morton St., 763, No. 3, $660,000.
Nebraska Ave., 6040, $2.02 million.
New Hampshire Ave., 5205, $500,000.
Observatory Pl., 2217, $837,000.
Ontario Rd., 2209, $999,900.
P St., 1718, No. 220, $310,000.
Park Rd., 1320, No. 1, $465,000.
Powhatan Pl., 526, $619,900.
Q St., 821, $1.13 million.
Q St., 2807, $3.12 million.
Quincy Pl., 57, $461,830.
Randolph St., 1302, $990,000.
River Rd., 4330, $1.15 million.
S St., 51, $1.78 million.
Shepherd St., 1315, $895,000.
Sherman Cir., 29, $1.05 million.
Swann St., 1742, $5.6 million.
T St., 1741, No. 303, $399,999.
Taylor St., 1333, $1.54 million.
Tuckerman St., 1346, $960,000.
Tunlaw Rd., 4000, No. 603, $205,000.
Underwood St., 1624, $1.05 million.
Van Buren St., 859, $888,000.
Volta Pl., 4445, $1.4 million.
Webster St., 1513, $1.22 million.
Wisconsin Ave., 1080, No. 3007, $585,000.
Fourth St., 4620, $785,000.
Sixth St., 6838, $1.23 million.
Ninth St., 3701, No. 1, $250,500.
11th St., 1225, No. 3, $395,000.
12th St., 2001, No. 410, $424,900.
12th St., 7175, No. 508, $415,155.
14th St., 1133, No. 908, $630,000.
16th St., 3426, No. T2, $225,000.
17th St., 4807, $1.9 million.
19th St., 1837, No. 1, $630,000.
21st St., 1260, No. 505, $330,000.
25th St., 1111, No. 404, $455,000.
27th St., 2833, $2.7 million.
29th St., 1020, $1.01 million.
30th St., 6218, $1.4 million.
33rd St., 1430, $4.2 million.
37th St., 2109, $990,000.
39th St., 3430, No. B698, $620,000.
49th St., 4436, $1.02 million.

SOUTHEAST

Bass Pl., 4701, $312,500.
Blakney Lane, 906, $225,000.
Call Pl., 4950, No. H2, $292,000.
Carolina Ave. N., 708, $1.68 million.
Carpenter St., 3512, $539,000.
E St., 657, $2 million.
G St., 4014, $536,000.
Highwood Pl., 1711, $400,393.
Kentucky Ave., 266, No. B, $595,000.
Mississippi Ave., 1506, $750,000.
Queens Stroll Pl., 5100, $186,000.
Valley Terr., 1955, $405,000.
First St., 1025, No. 1114, $515,000.
Fifth St., 921, $770,000.
10th St., 130, $1.22 million.
11th St., 422, $1.4 million.
18th St., 1811, $255,500.
40th St., 1670, $432,000.

SOUTHWEST

G St., 350, No. N517, $410,000.
Water St., 525, No. 319, $730,000.
Wharf St., 601, No. PH6, $3.1 million.
Fourth St., 800, No. N216, $190,000.

MARYLAND

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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

ANNAPOLIS AREA

Burnside St., 503, $839,000.
Chrisland Dr., 3234, $1 million.
Edgewood Green Ct., 17, $431,000.
Great Lake Dr., 97, $635,000.
Hidden River View Rd., 3303, $1.85 million.
Lawrence Ave., 8, $1.25 million.
Parkwood Ave., 816, $1.5 million.
Rockway Ave., 3442, $1.74 million.
Somerset Ct., 7, $850,000.
Wainwright Ave., 13, $1.09 million.

ANNAPOLIS-BROAD CREEK AREA

Alfred Cir., 2742, $645,000.
Broadlee Trail, 1735, $1.05 million.
Clay St., 68, $150,000.
Forbes St., 308, No. M, $405,000.
Green St., 160, $1.12 million.
Island Creek Ct., 632, $365,000.
McDonough Rd., 301, $955,000.
Riva Rd., 2574, No. 12A, $235,000.
Sonne Dr., 709, $1 million.
Wardour Dr., 208, $3.5 million.

ARNOLD AREA

Aylesbury Garth, 818, $482,000.
Cascade Rd., 27, $764,900.
Fox Run Way, 48, $555,000.
Moore Rd., 161, $1.12 million.
Sadie Way, 105, $958,624.

BROOKLYN AREA

Bethlehem Pl., 134, $424,990.
Elizabeth Ave., 101, $165,000.
Merchant St., 6007, $469,925.
Wallace Ave., 4, $125,000.

CAPE ST. CLAIRE-SANDY POINT STATE PARK AREA

Clay Hill Rd., 1604, $185,576.
Oak Lane, 794, $1.13 million.
Old Mill Bottom Rd. N., 76, No. 303, $536,280.
Pine Hill Dr., 1251, $599,900.
Sunwood Terr., 1381, $906,500.

CHURCHTON AREA

Delaware Ave., 1206, $350,000.

CROFTON AREA

Bellarbor Cir., 1927, $228,000.
Copley Ct., 1752, $320,000.
Everglade Ct., 1917, $315,000.
Forest Hill Ct., 1643, $485,000.
Montauk Dr., 2207, $500,000.
Smoketree Lane, 2508, $517,500.
Tupello Pl., 1900, $299,900.

CROWNSVILLE AREA

Crownsville Rd., 1583, $550,000.
Sheridan Rd., 1255, $635,829.

CURTIS BAY AREA

Hollow Glen Ct., 1328, $400,000.
Waterview Dr., 708, $415,000.

DAVIDSONVILLE AREA

Rossback Rd., 1640, $600,000.

DEALE AREA

Swamp Circle Rd., 5737, $623,000.

EDGEWATER AREA

Colony Xing., 116, $1.6 million.
Holly Ave., 914, $435,000.
Marthas Vineyard Way, 3502, $938,000.
Old Turkey Point Rd., 1000, $740,000.
Rockhold Rd., 1609, $469,900.
First Ave., 3734, $650,000.

GAMBRILLS AREA

Dairy Farm Rd., 2218, $600,000.
Saint Heather Lane, 2119, $950,000.
Witchhazel Cir., 1518, $680,000.

GLEN BURNIE AREA

Castle Hedge Dell, 7958, $485,000.
Fontana Ct., 442, $260,000.
Huntmaster Ct., 8111, $585,000.
Mayo Rd., 705, $497,000.
Orchard Rd., 305, $329,900.
Wellham Ave., 703, $485,000.
First Ave. W., 102, $297,000.

GLEN BURNIE-MARLEY CREEK AREA

Corsica Ct., 7405, $744,602.
Garrett Rd., 100, $325,000.
Meadowgate Cir., 8156, $550,000.
Nabbs Creek Rd., 1012-A, $287,000.
Point Pleasant Rd., 116, $415,000.
Stone Haven Dr., 8015, $409,900.
Water Fountain Way, 105, No. 201, $189,000.
Sixth Ave. NE, 310, $430,000.

HANOVER AREA

Duncannon Lane, 7719, $450,000.
Jacobs Ford Way, 3466, $500,000.
Moraine Dr., 7552, $465,000.
Sunningdale Lane, 1716, $515,000.
Winding Hills Dr., 7212, $475,000.

JESSUP AREA

Citrus Ave., 2024, $434,900.

LAUREL AREA

Biota Lane, 3506, $647,023.
Crested Wood Dr., 1108, $698,372.
Ibis Ct., 316, $506,805.

LINTHICUM HEIGHTS AREA

Hampton Rd., 31, $380,000.
Kingwood Rd., 454, $475,000.
Mansion Rd., 21, $342,000.

LOTHIAN AREA

Bay Front Rd. W., 328, $540,000.

MILLERSVILLE AREA

Ashburton Dr., 1320, $529,000.
Hamella Ct., 575, $515,000.
Longford Rd., 8242, $599,990.
Rupert Ct., 354, $424,900.

NORTH BEACH AREA

Alabama Ave., 654, $470,000.

ODENTON AREA

Brakeman Ct., 1551, $585,000.
Commissary Cir., 2204, $400,000.
Hinshaw Dr., 2054, $560,000.
Mariposa Ct., 2658, $1.18 million.
Raptor Dr., 2626, $525,000.
Running Wolf Trail, 2598, $534,900.
Settlers View Dr., 2856, $475,000.
Vireo Ct., 2553, $510,000.

OWENSVILLE (WEST RIVER) AREA

Lavender Ct., 605, $900,000.

PASADENA-ROCK CREEK AREA

Annie Kess Dr., 3965, No. M, $364,710.
Annie Kess Dr., 3965, No. Z, $410,925.
Brookfield Rd., 5, $470,000.
Dale Rd., 218, $360,000.
Edgewater Rd., 405, $800,000.
Fox Ct., 7799, $375,000.
Hadfield Ct., 8018, $370,000.
Kellington Dr., 28, $430,000.
Mallard Dr., 251, $488,000.
Moonfall Ct., 7740, $365,000.
Notley Rd., 7747, $315,000.
Polyanski Dr., 1308, $985,000.
Rock Hill Rd., 1238, $535,000.
Stone Spring Lane, 9202, $757,500.
Swift Rd., 844, $460,000.
Wanda Rd., 242, $365,000.
Woodgate Cir., 185, $444,755.

SEVERN AREA

Barrington Ct., 8216, $340,000.
Chestnut Leaf Rd., 7883, $580,000.
Grainfield Rd., 8304, $515,000.
Hollow Ct., 8205, $430,000.
Montreal Rd., 1799, $455,000.
Sage Brush Ct., 1606, $570,000.
Truitt Lane, 7818, $705,000.

SEVERNA PARK AREA

Berrywood Dr., 156, $930,000.
Fairlane Ct., 451, $985,000.
Jumpers Hole Rd., 621, $445,000.
Norwich Rd., 518, $639,900.
Ravine Rd., 637, $1.23 million.
Tolstoy Lane, 275, $740,000.

SHADY SIDE AREA

Poplar Rd., 4726, $515,000.

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Home Sales

HOMES FROM 11

TRACYS LANDING AREA
Traceys Overlook Rd., 6110, $1.07 million.

HOWARD COUNTY

CENTENNIAL-BENSON AREA
Frederick Rd., 9949, $651,000.
Paulskirk Dr., 9398, $550,000.
Split Rail Lane, 3506, $465,000.
Verona Pl., 2570, No. B, $686,830.

COLUMBIA (EAST) AREA
Angelina Cir., 9546, $611,000.
Corncockle Ct., 5292, $699,900.
Oak Bush Terr., 8459, $453,000.
Waning Moon Way, 6632, $455,000.

COLUMBIA (WEST) AREA
Cedar Fern Ct., 5957, $485,000.
Endicott Lane, 5479, $350,000.
Misty Arch Run, 6048, $660,000.
Stonegate Lane, 11732, $462,000.
Willow Bottom Dr., 11111, $830,000.

ELKRIDGE AREA
Blue Sky, 5839, $555,000.
Elk Forest Ct., 5976, $563,000.
Old Highgate Dr., 6403, $505,000.
Taggart Ct., 7834, $574,900.

ELLICOTT CITY AREA
Choctaw Dr., 4050, $720,000.
Hunting Horn Dr., 5493, $861,000.
Rogers Ave., 3004, $450,000.
Stone Crop Dr., 8260, No. B, $395,000.

FULTON AREA
Chase St., 11244-1, No. 143, $550,000.
Tawes St., 8931, $885,000.

HIGHLAND AREA
Cortina Dr., 6721, $680,000.

JESSUP AREA
Summit Hill Way, 8300, $471,000.

KINGS CONTRIVANCE VILLAGE AREA
Eden Brook Dr., 7301, No. A-1, $510,000.
Rommel Dr., 9531, $750,000.
Weather Worn Way, 7587, No. B, $280,000.

MARRIOTTSVILLE AREA
Shady Creek Rd., 1215, $994,111.

SCAGGSVILLE-LAUREL AREA
American Pharoah Lane, 10003, No. A, $449,990.
Canterbury Riding, 9316, No. 27, $280,000.
Kenbrooke Ct., 9304, $580,000.
Moonshine Holw., 9060, No. G, $310,000.
Ridings Way, 9394, $440,000.
Seventh St. N., 9407, $510,000.

WOODBINE AREA
Frederick Rd., 16491, $199,000.

WOODSTOCK AREA
Ganton Grn., 2100, No. B104, $364,000.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

ASPEN HILL AREA
Bartlett St., 13400, $715,000.
Burnside Dr., 5572, No. 5, $250,000.
Elizabeth St., 4102, $607,786.
Parkland Dr., 13413, $480,000.
Sunflower Ct., 15005, $980,000.

BEALLSVILLE AREA
Darnestown Rd., 18901, $779,000.

BETHESDA AREA
Arizona Cir., 10276, No. 61, $750,000.
Battery Lane, 5000, No. 905, $450,000.
Bulls Run Pkwy., 9424, $975,000.
Christy Dr., 5410, $1.3 million.
Darby Rd., 7105, $2.51 million.
Elgin Lane, 6519, $3.15 million.
Fenway Rd., 8024, $1.72 million.
Glenwood Rd., 5613, $1.52 million.
Highland Ave., 4503, $1.07 million.
Johnson Ave., 5912, $952,000.
Lone Oak Dr., 5600, $865,000.
Marbury Rd., 6820, $3.75 million.
Massachusetts Ave., 5807, $1.41 million.
Melvern Dr., 6008, $2.2 million.
Montrose Ave., 10504, No. M-202, $348,000.
Oakmont Ave., 5600, $950,000.
Park Overlook Dr., 8016, $2.08 million.
Pooks Hill Rd., 5210, No. C-20, $787,000.
River Rd., 8121, No. 451, $3.75 million.
Saunders Lane, 8920, $3.7 million.
Silver Linden St., 6825, $2.9 million.
Thoreau Dr., 8206, $2.58 million.
Welborn Dr., 6105, $1.25 million.
Wilmett Rd., 6503, $1.11 million.
Windflower Way, 9723, $228,961.

BOYDS AREA
Kenner Dr., 22320, $625,279.

BROOKEVILLE AREA
Damascus Rd., 3120, $315,000.

BURTONSVILLE AREA
Ballinger Ct., 5, $380,000.
Sandy Spring Rd., 4700, $1.4 million.

CALVERTON-COLESVILLE AREA
Brahms Terr., 13106, $340,000.
Carriage House Terr., 1601, No. D, $195,000.
Fairland Park Dr., 13423, $828,000.
Leister Dr., 1406, $375,000.
Mozart Dr., 3055, $478,000.
Palmer House Way, 13833, No. 32-233, $345,000.
Silver Moon Dr., 25, $597,750.
White Oak Vista Dr., 1602, $550,000.

CHEVY CHASE AREA
Brierly Ct., 8711, $1.1 million.
Connecticut Ave., 8101, No. C304, $520,000.
Friendship Blvd., 5500, No. 2012N, $220,000.
Hunt Ave., 4601, $725,000.
Meadow Lane, 7006, $2 million.
Raymond St., 3524, $1.98 million.
Thornapple St., 3707, $2.05 million.

CLOVERLY-EDNOR AREA
Crest Hill Lane, 13914, $485,000.
Hopefield Rd., 1925, $749,000.
Old Lyme Dr., 14515, $660,000.
Windmill Lane, 1221, $560,000.

DAMASCUS AREA
Honeysuckle Ct., 14, $375,000.
Puritan Pl., 23511, $809,000.
Sir Jamie Terr., 26468, $529,755.

DERWOOD AREA
Fairborn Ct., 7827, $515,000.
Picea View Ct., 339, $912,000.

DICKERSON AREA
Greentree Farm Dr., 133, $1.3 million.

FOUR CORNERS-BURNT MILLS AREA
Calumet Dr., 10520, $660,000.
Gregorio Dr., 808, $550,000.
Lawson Pl., 9706, $695,000.
Saint Andrews Lane, 600, $907,000.

GAITHERSBURG AREA
Amity Cir., 8262, $390,000.
Boysenberry Dr., 18504, No. 165-95, $190,000.
Creeper Lane, 18821, $445,000.
Fairgrove Cir., 206, $587,500.
Hutton St., 222, $520,000.
Muncaster Mill Rd., 7913, $680,000.
Ridge Heights Ct., 1, $518,750.
Starboard Ct., 34, $461,000.
Towne Crest Ct., 8440, $360,000.

GAITHERSBURG-NORTH POTOMAC AREA
Almaden Pl., 12, $474,990.
Bayswater Rd., 12112, $639,000.
Curry Ford Lane, 308, $515,000.
Diamond Dr., 816, $710,000.
Grey Skies Dr., 14161, $2.24 million.
Inspiration Lane, 311, $1.05 million.
Little Quarry Rd., 147, $1.25 million.
Napa Valley Rd., 16, $500,000.
Pleasant Meadow Dr., 11601, $694,000.
Quince Orchard Blvd., 756, No. P1, $215,000.
Side Dr. W., 1064, No. 25F, $361,500.
Swanton Lane, 333, $730,000.
White Ash Pl., 349, $645,000.

GERMANTOWN AREA
Alderleaf Dr., 12942, $550,000.
Astoria Hill Ct., 13203-0, $284,000.
Chalet Dr., 18050, No. 14-303, $268,000.
Cricket Hill Dr., 17826, $972,000.
Dairymaid Dr., 13213, No. 19, $300,000.
Eagles Nest Ct., 12216, No. G, $280,000.
Kildare Hills Terr., 13530, $619,900.
Lullaby Rd., 13943, $595,000.
Misty Meadow Terr., 19256, $450,000.
Shadyside Lane, 13000, No. 13-217, $349,000.
Staffordshire Dr., 20523, $445,000.
Winding Creek Pl., 18628, $344,000.

KENSINGTON AREA
Clearbrook Lane, 4505, $719,000.
Dewmar Lane, 9605, $1.21 million.
Halsey St., 3906, $1.13 million.
Murdock Rd., 3502, $637,550.
University Blvd. W., 3411, No. 103, $225,000.
Woodson Ave., 11408, $715,000.

LANGLEY PARK AREA
Moffet Rd., 1617, $530,000.

LAYTONSVILLE AREA
Hawkins Creamery Ct., 23900, $1.07 million.

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE AREA
Brassie Ct., 34, $295,000.
Capehart Dr., 19033, $426,900.
Diary Rd., 18919, $660,000.
Drexel Hill Pl., 8702, $341,000.
Hellingly Pl., 10108, No. 300, $210,000.
Nathans Pl., 18803, $325,000.
Shadow Oak Dr., 9613, $435,000.
Whetstone Dr., 9824, $687,000.

NORBECK-LAYHILL AREA
Auden Dr., 2411, $680,000.
Catoctin Ct., 7, $500,000.
Doc Berlin Dr., 3825, No. 25, $439,900.
Fitzhugh Lane, 3533, No. 77A, $515,000.
Greenery Lane, 2203, No. 202-10, $225,000.
Hounds Run Pl., 2107, $600,000.
Klee Aly., 123, $705,000.
Leisure World Blvd. N., 2921, No. 1-319, $182,000.
Leisure World Blvd. N., 3330, No. 5-1021, $237,000.
Leisure World Blvd. S., 3005, No. 125, $322,000.
London Bridge Dr., 2327, $480,000.
Mumford Dr., 2417, $699,500.
Terrapin Rd., 2621, $450,000.
Whitehaven Rd., 16216, $1.24 million.

OLNEY AREA
Leman Lake Dr., 18343, No. 806, $300,000.
Rolling Meadow Way, 18224, No. 48, $346,000.
Sandcastle Lane, 4216, $800,000.

POOLESVILLE AREA
Compher Ct., 18608, $1.2 million.
Jerusalem Church Rd., 18740, $440,000.

POTOMAC AREA
Bentridge Ct., 11, $850,000.
Democracy Blvd., 10408, $1.82 million.
Garden Ct., 9411, $1.02 million.
Heatherton Lane, 7809, $775,000.
Inverness Ridge Rd., 8101, $775,000.
Milbern Dr., 11704, $1.07 million.
Overpond Way, 12323, $1.32 million.
Polaris Rd., 1131, $1.25 million.
Stapleford Hall Dr., 10724, $2 million.
Wooden Bridge Rd., 9217, $975,000.

ROCKVILLE AREA
Barbados Pl., 5905, No. 237, $424,500.
Brice Rd., 1018, $522,000.
Courthouse Sq., 24, No. 802, $255,000.
Diamond Cove Terr., 15311, No. 5K, $370,000.
Genome Aly., 4936, No. 2, $249,605.
Grandin Ave., 605, $888,000.
Grosvenor Pl., 10316, $1.03 million.
Hampton Mill Terr., 10823, No. 1113, $449,000.
Jefferson St. E., 2109, $384,784.
Jefferson St. E., 2131, $384,784.
Linden Square Ct., 5810, No. 39, $540,000.
Mills Farm Rd., 13708, $1.41 million.
Old Gate Rd., 7101, $1.33 million.
Old Georgetown Rd., 11800, No. 1211, $320,000.
Pasture Side Pl., 109-A, No. M17, $403,000.
Potomac St., 301, $600,000.
Royal Fern Pl., 3106, $985,000.
Templeton Pl., 1301, $670,000.
Vanderbilt Cir., 10003, No. 4-1, $365,000.
Wesley Ct., 2, $578,000.

ROLLING GREEN AREA
Broadway Ave., 22815, $730,000.
Fulmer Ave., 21900, $900,000.
Petrel St., 13220, No. 4104, $489,990.
Skylark Rd., 11814, $605,000.

SENECA PARK-CEDAR GROVE AREA
Apperson Pl., 20003, $410,000.
Beehive Ct., 11432, $475,000.
Emerald Dr., 21405, $775,000.
Sandsfield Terr., 20337, $620,000.

SILVER SPRING AREA
Burton St., 1203, $750,000.

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Home Sales

HOMES FROM 12

Corwin Dr., 1705, $975,000.
Fenton St., 8316, No. B, $527,900.
Live Oak Dr., 1512, $1.08 million.
Riley Rd., 9505, $690,000.
Wayne Ave., 930, No. 605, $448,900.

TAKOMA PARK AREA
Allegheny Ave., 6405, $1.31 million.
Dogwood Ave., 205, $1.65 million.
Ludlow St., 717, $400,000.
Spring Ave., 203, $1.33 million.

TWINBROOK AREA
Farragut Ave., 1622, $610,000.
Parrish Dr., 1212, $769,000.

WHEATON AREA
Blundon Dr., 9909, No. 4-202, $230,000.
Georgia Village Way, 2329, $610,000.
Kersey Rd., 712, $1.15 million.
Pebble Run Dr., 10941, $550,000.

FREDERICK COUNTY

ADAMSTOWN AREA
Young Family Trail W., 5522, $730,000.

BRUNSWICK AREA
F St. E., 202, $390,000.
Shenandoah Sq. N., 1209, $454,000.

BURKITTSVILLE-JEFFERSON AREA
Burkittsville Rd., 5504, $359,900.

EMMITSBURG AREA
Emmit Ct., 12, $215,000.

FREDERICK CITY-ADAMSTOWN VILLAGE AREA
Allington Manor Cir. W., 9034, $650,000.
Canada Goose Ct., 6681, $362,000.
Dover Ct., 5598, $510,500.
Margarita Way, 6207, $429,000.
Posey St., 6325, $490,000.
Towncrest Ct. W., 6415, $405,000.

FREDERICK CITY-LIBERTYTOWN AREA
Cherokee Trail, 909, $465,000.
College Terr. W., 318, $835,000.
Fairview Ave., 704, $430,000.
Jacobs Garden Lane, 3010, $413,888.
Monocacy View Cir., 1846, No. A, $260,000.
Redwood Ave., 319, $395,000.
South St. E., 48, $808,000.
Stratford Way, 813, No. M, $225,000.
Wyngate Dr., 601, $540,000.

FREDERICK CITY-MOUNTAINDALE AREA
Backbone Way, 1252, $670,960.
Blacksmith Way, 1631, No. 216D, $498,561.
Collingwood Lane, 2124, $399,900.
Front Shed Dr., 2608, $535,585.

Heather Ridge Dr., 436, $320,000.
Humphreys Peak Ct., 2303, $628,000.
Huntwood Ct., 2420, $400,000.
Lamplighter Dr., 2598, $599,990.
Old National Pike, 5606, $579,900.
Quandary Dr., 2004, $610,000.
Shelley Cir., 2501, No. 3-3C, $293,000.
Springhill Dr., 6695, $660,000.

IJAMSVILLE AREA
Big Woods Rd., 3444, $700,000.
Royal Saint Andrews Pl., 10250, $857,500.

LIBERTYTOWN AREA
Molasses Rd., 13226, $725,000.

MIDDLETOWN AREA
Locust Blvd., 5, $468,000.
Onyx Ct., 4400, $460,000.

MONROVIA AREA
Hazelnut Ct., 4705, $980,000.
Weller Rd., 11815, $407,000.

MOUNT AIRY AREA
Manor Terr., 13237, $790,000.
Woodville Rd., 7161, $775,000.

NEW MARKET-LAKE LINGANORE AREA
Coldstream Dr., 6643, $625,000.
Illinois Ct., 6212, $415,000.
Pax Ct., 6803, $800,000.
Samuel Rd., 6110, $623,000.

NEW MIDWAY-LADIESBURG AREA
Warner Rd., 11732, $412,000.

ROCKY RIDGE-CREAGERSTOWN AREA
Rocky Ridge Rd., 9120, $345,000.

THURMONT AREA
Leekyler Pl., 5, $385,000.
Tocati St., 31, $525,000.

URBANA AREA
Brushfield Dr., 4108, $905,000.
Ivy Meadow Dr., 3050, $915,000.
Shafers Mill Dr., 9206, $1.1 million.
Spring Hollow Lane, 3687, $414,375.
Worthington Blvd., 3543, $761,140.

WALKERSVILLE AREA
Capricorn Rd., 127, $603,000.
Stauffer Rd., 8822, $324,000.

WOODSBORO AREA
Second St. N., 104, $270,000.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

ACCOKEEK AREA
Cactus Hill Rd., 14711, $566,000.
Pine Lane, 1216, $305,000.
Southwind Dr., 301, $512,000.

ADELPHI AREA
Glenmore Dr., 10403, $562,500.
Metzerott Rd., 1836, No. 804, $135,000.
Riggs Rd., 6908, $399,000.

BOWIE AREA
Arriba Greenfields Dr., 13212, $699,900.
Gosling Pl., 7300, $800,000.
Kinderbrook Lane, 2400, $376,000.
London Lane, 14530, $410,000.
Melling Lane, 12419, $545,000.
Overbrook Lane, 13433, $469,000.
Quill Point Dr., 8266, $440,000.
Saint James Sanctuary Dr., 13119, $590,000.
Seaside Alder Rd., 4007, $387,310.
Silver Maple Ct., 13122, $360,000.
Yorktown Dr., 13458, $450,000.

BOWIE-MITCHELLVILLE AREA
Audubon Lane, 16101, $610,000.
Ettrick Ct., 3913, No. 10-38, $359,000.
Federal Hill Ct., 17005, $700,000.
Meadow Creek Dr., 402, $1.23 million.
Meadow Glenn Dr., 16107, $499,475.
Meadow Glenn Dr., 16123, $565,550.
Paramont Lane, 15807, $420,000.
Presswick Lane, 15700, $460,000.
Saint Ridgely Blvd., 16810, $528,670.
Saint William Way, 16906, $519,990.
Twin River Cir., 15564, $826,355.
Twin River Cir., 15586, $1.16 million.

BRANDYWINE AREA
Duckett Rd., 14300, $297,588.
Fern Gully Way, 7520, $459,990.
Grace Kellen Ave., 14400, $569,500.
Mattawoman Dr., 14944, $479,030.
Robinson Manor Rd., 7927, $543,815.

BRENTWOOD AREA
Shepherd St., 4103, $273,000.
40th Ave., 3800, $420,000.

BURTONSVILLE AREA
Belle Ami Dr., 14942, No. 38, $361,000.
Carriage Hill Dr., 7113, $480,000.
Chestnut Ct., 14025, $365,000.
Montgomery St., 1110, $874,600.
Sherwood Ave., 15709, $575,000.
Winding Trail Rd., 13145, $615,000.

CALVERTON AREA
Brandon Lane, 4218, $635,000.
Cherry Hill Rd., 11364, No. 1S204, $181,000.
Old Gunpowder Road Spur., 12405, $480,000.
Rowlock Aly., 7108, $480,000.
Tonquil St., 4406, $540,000.

CAPITOL HEIGHTS AREA
Alverton St., 1103, $619,945.
Capitol Heights Blvd., 1303, $565,000.
Coolidge St., 5616, $280,000.
Eagle St., 5703, $310,000.
Hastings Dr., 6710, $400,000.
L St., 5702, $245,000.
Nova Ave., 1630, $200,000.
Walbridge St., 6126, $435,000.
62nd Ave., 510, $250,000.

CHEVERLY-LANDOVER AREA
Allendale Dr., 7903, $230,000.
Camden St., 6800, $420,000.
Countrywood Ct., 1740, $340,000.
Jason St., 6318, $525,000.
Ohio Ave., 2111, $370,000.
Stansbury Lane, 6911, $499,000.

CLINTON AREA
Bedford Lane, 5909, $439,000.
Branchwood Cir., 8502, $445,000.
Clinton Way, 6322, $449,900.
Fox Park Ct., 7919, $385,000.
Kidder Rd., 3401, $635,000.
Mimosa Ave., 8750, $401,000.
Pretoria Ct., 8601, $395,000.
Shires Ct., 5200, $425,000.
Wilton Pl., 9506, $648,000.

COLLEGE PARK AREA
Fox St., 4911, $430,000.
Wake Forest Dr., 7007, $875,000.
48th Ave., 8804, $395,000.
52nd Ave., 9504, $479,000.

DISTRICT HEIGHTS AREA
Blue Holly Ct., 6950, $373,000.
Halleck St., 6937, $385,000.
Suit Rd., 4013, $385,000.

FORT WASHINGTON AREA
Buchanan Dr., 13309, $402,800.
Empire Lane Dr., 12005, $823,520.
Joe Klutsch Dr., 6210, $400,000.
Loughran Rd., 9107, $275,000.
Pelican Garth, 101, $475,000.
Sentry Lane, 500, $450,000.
Swan Creek Rd., 213, $515,000.
Winnsboro Dr., 7812, $490,000.

GLENN DALE AREA
Guinevere Pl., 12211, $614,400.

GREENBELT AREA
Chartwell Pl., 7805, $378,000.
Jacobs Dr., 7843, $408,000.
Mandan Rd., 8015, No. 541, $240,000.

HYATTSVILLE AREA
Decatur St., 4900, $220,000.
39th Ave., 5414, $325,000.
42nd Ave., 5101, $975,000.
85th Ave., 5448, No. 1, $165,000.

LANHAM-GLENARDEN AREA
Dellwood Ct., 8223, $425,000.
Huxley Dr., 9611, $430,000.
Martins Lane, 6309, $480,000.
Starmist Ct., 9309, $819,395.
First St., 8903, $425,000.

LARGO-CLAGGETT LANDING AREA
Campus Way S., 10100, No. 302-4A, $129,000.
Chester Grove Rd., 3171, $238,000.
Fox Bow Dr., 12916, No. 307, $327,500.
Kettering Way, 11313, $350,000.
Lemonade Lane, 3032, $523,470.
Peconic Pl., 908, $560,000.
Prince Pl., 10246, No. 22-207, $198,000.
Saint Johns Pl., 3618, $450,000.
Wharton Dr., 10907, $495,000.

MONTPELIER AREA
Briarcroft Lane, 8916, $530,000.
Orvis Way, 11909, $588,000.

MOUNT RAINIER AREA
29th St., 4517, $410,000.

OXON HILL AREA
Clayton Dr., 1802, $325,000.
Norlinda Ave., 2101, $350,000.
Riverhaven Dr., 145, No. 459, $400,000.
Talberta Terr., 904, $454,900.
Woodland Blvd., 5011, $450,000.

SUITLAND AREA
Bedford Pl., 4008, $235,785.
Lacy Ave., 4600, $350,000.
Old Soper Rd., 4703, No. 444, $290,000.

TEMPLE HILLS AREA
Brinkley Rd., 3126, No. 2101, $128,500.
Henderson Rd., 4618, $440,000.
Huntley Square Dr., 3341, No. B2, $110,000.
Keppler Rd., 5709, $290,000.
Ranger Ave., 4311, $270,000.
28th Pkwy., 3207, $390,000.

UNIVERSITY PARK-WEST HYATTSVILLE AREA
Beake St., 6050, $561,335.
Beake St., 6068, $504,280.
Lancer Dr., 3403, $335,000.
Oakdale Dr., 1105, $455,000.
Stella Blue Dr., 3581, $649,900.
Wells Pkwy., 6605, $800,000.

UPPER MARLBORO AREA
Captain Marbury Lane, 13604, $380,000.
Copper Creek Ct., 9504, $685,000.
Frank Tippett Rd., 9700, $430,000.
Greenpoint Lane, 5407, $523,780.
Kenfield Lane, 5716, $599,900.
Lemonade Lane, 3026, $591,685.
Lowery Lane, 5909, $730,000.
Mount Laurel Ct., 9600, $615,000.
Preakness Dr., 10202, $679,000.
Sir Edwards Dr., 15602, $765,000.
Thoroughbred Dr., 4702, $799,900.

WOODMORE-LAKE ARBOR AREA
Aynor Dr., 3704, $683,000.

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Home Sales

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Courtside Rd., 3004, $478,000.
Johnson Grove Lane, 801, $715,000.
Lisle Dr., 610, $395,000.

CALVERT COUNTY

DUNKIRK AREA

Buck Board Lane, 4041, $760,000.

HUNTINGTOWN AREA

Emmanuel Church Rd., 2720, $999,900.
Solomons Island Rd., 5131, $439,000.

LUSBY AREA

Calvert Dr., 235, $375,000.
Horseshoe Trail, 11465, $440,000.
Palo Alto Rd., 11555, $310,000.
Susan Lane, 11930, $398,000.

NORTH BEACH AREA

Dayton Ave., 9113, $665,000.

OWINGS AREA

Foxborough Way, 7800, $690,000.

PRINCE FREDERICK AREA

Backstretch Way, 106, $445,000.
Sandy Point Rd., 6155, $540,000.
Westlake Blvd., 215, $330,000.

ST. LEONARD AREA

Harvard St., 5031, $380,000.

SUNDERLAND AREA

Dalrymple Rd., 625, $525,000.

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

CALIFORNIA AREA

Chestnut Oak Ct., 23252, No. 10B, $225,000.
Havenridge St., 45390, $599,900.
Petunia Way, 23103, $535,000.
Sypher Rd., 45290, $280,000.

GILBERT SWAMP RUN-TRINITY CHURCH ROAD AREA

Pleasant View Dr., 38410, $349,900.

HOLLYWOOD AREA

Camden Ct., 22900, $710,000.

LEONARDTOWN AREA

Belmar Dr., 23641, $630,000.
Knight Rd., 40905, $445,000.
Potomac View Dr., 21722, $460,000.

LEXINGTON PARK AREA

Cabot Pl., 21713, $230,000.
Dean Ct., 46325, $460,000.
Mayflower Dr., 47980, $401,000.
Rowan Knight Dr., 20969, $502,590.
Three Notch Rd., 18552, $370,000.

RIDGE AREA

Buzzs Marina Way, 49685, $682,000.

RYCEVILLE AREA

Daniel Cir., 39743, $464,000.
Stillwater Way, 39840, $725,000.

SCOTLAND AREA

Point Lookout Rd., 11655, $125,000.

VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA

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ALEXANDRIA AREA

Alfred St. S., 734, $807,500.
Bashford Lane, 517, No. 5, $305,000.
Braddock Pl. W., 1725, No. 304, $489,500.
Cameron St., 120, No. CS202, $515,000.
Cliff St. N., 1705, $750,000.
Coventry Lane, 1404, $3.5 million.
Del Ray Ave. W., 22, $1.43 million.
Edsall Rd., 6153, $216,000.
Gardner Dr., 5016, $899,000.
Henry St. S., 409, $1.85 million.
Ingram St. S., 28, $598,000.
Jamieson Ave., 2121, No. 901, $665,000.
King St., 3315, $375,000.
Little St., 701, $1.43 million.
Martha Custis Dr., 3128, $414,225.
Martha Custis Dr., 3503, $315,000.
Moncure Dr., 304, $820,000.
Mount Vernon Ave., 53, $660,000.
Oval Dr., 3613, $1.22 million.
Pickett St. N., 200, No. 311, $290,000.
Pitt St. N., 1162, $1.11 million.
Powhatan St., 959, $1.16 million.
Rolfe Pl., 913, $960,000.
Royal St. S., 507, $1.11 million.
Saint Asaph St. N., 230, $1.15 million.
Skyhill Rd., 208, No. 10, $315,000.
Strutfield Lane, 4561, No. 3218, $395,000.
Union St. S., 225, $4 million.
Van Dorn St. N., 2500, No. 509, $190,000.
Virginia Ave., 408, $950,000.
West St. N., 409, $985,000.
Wyndham Cir., 3303, No. 348, $385,000.
Yoakum Pkwy., 307, No. 1105, $310,000.

ARLINGTON

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ARLINGTON AREA

Arlington Blvd., 4501, No. 118, $380,000.
Brandywine St. N., 2160, $573,909.
Clarendon Blvd., 2400, No. 615, $409,000.
Columbia Pike, 5300, No. 904, $365,000.
Culpeper St. N., 1804, $680,000.
Four Mile Run Dr. S., 4089, No. 203, $515,000.

Four Mile Run Dr. S., 4600, No. 102, $230,000.
Garfield St. N., 1021, No. 930, $610,000.
Glebe Rd. N., 851, No. 1508, $447,300.
Hartford St. N., 1200, No. 502, $860,000.
Ivy St. S., 829, $620,000.
Lincoln St. N., 620, $2.88 million.
Monroe St. N., 901, No. 801, $875,000.
Oakland St. S., 2026, $500,000.
Randolph St. N., 1001, No. 523, $400,000.
Rhodes St. N., 1758, No. 6-336, $295,000.
Stafford St. N., 900, No. 2330, $672,400.
Taylor St. N., 900, No. 1820, $415,000.
Upton St. N., 1922, $1.1 million.
Vermont St. N., 2234, $1.1 million.
Washington Blvd., 6869, $1.46 million.
Wilson Blvd., 1800, No. 426, $460,000.
Second St. N., 5924, $884,900.
Fifth St. S., 3601, No. 511, $238,000.
Seventh Rd. S., 5009, No. 101, $337,500.
Eighth St. S., 3903, $1.15 million.
10th St. S., 5107, No. 4, $270,000.
14th St. S., 3819, $815,000.
17th St. N., 3601, $751,650.
25th Pl. N., 5133, $1.05 million.
32nd Rd. N., 4629, $2.3 million.

ARLINGTON-CRYSTAL CITY AREA

Arlington Ridge Rd. S., 1101, No. 1107, $685,000.
Glebe Rd. S., 3600, No. 919W, $785,000.
29th St. S., 609, $999,000.

EAST FALLS CHURCH AREA

Illinois St. N., 2231, $995,000.
Longfellow St. N., 970, $930,000.
Quesada St. N., 1705, $1.01 million.
11th St. N., 6119, $825,000.
20th St. N., 5204, $1.75 million.

ROSSLYN AREA

Arlington Blvd., 1730, No. 108, $273,750.
Oak St. N., 1600, No. 609, $449,900.
Pierce St. N., 2171, $1.5 million.

SHIRLINGTON AREA

Chesterfield Rd. S., 5019, $495,000.
Stafford St. S., 3391, $635,000.
24th St. S., 5021, $580,000.
28th St. S., 4820, $640,000.

FAIRFAX COUNTY

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Bulls Neck Rd., 701, $3.5 million.
Greensboro Dr., 8340, No. 902, $430,000.
Greensboro Dr., 8380, No. 906, $450,000.
Lincoln Way, 1503, No. 101B, $398,000.
Old Meadow Rd., 1808, No. 1015, $365,000.
Spring Gate Dr., 1530, No. 9423, $510,000.
Tremayne Pl., 7720, No. 107, $375,000.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

Arcadia Rd., 3912, $600,000.
Dahill Pl., 4310, $850,000.
Hawaii Ct., 6305, $750,000.
Levtov Landing, 6367, $735,000.
Phyllis Lane, 6322, $570,000.

ALEXANDRIA-BELLE VIEW AREA

Belle View Blvd., 1109, No. A2, $357,000.
Duke Dr., 6912, $700,000.
Rollins Dr., 2015, $540,000.
Wakefield Dr., 6641, No. 309, $250,000.

ALEXANDRIA-FRANCONIA AREA

Briarleigh Way, 6638, $575,000.
China Grove Ct., 6517, $510,000.
Dove Dr., 5927, $875,000.
Ellingham Cir., 7014-F, $430,000.
Forbush Ct., 6601, $441,000.
Gentele Ct., 6316, $660,000.
Grange Lane, 6527, No. 202, $472,500.
Haynes Point Way, 7701, No. 1902, $495,000.
Houndsbury Ct., 7409, $550,000.
Kimberly Anne Way, 5932, $425,000.
Lake Cove Dr., 7209, $640,000.
Miller Dr., 6329, $705,000.
Norham Dr., 5970, $660,000.
Ridge View Dr., 5814, $470,000.
Salford Ct., 7410, $774,950.
Upland Dr., 4416, $899,900.
Welch Ct., 7815, $805,000.

ANNANDALE AREA

Americana Dr., 4225-A, $270,000.
Braddock Rd., 6814, $800,000.
Donnybrook Ct., 7746, No. 207, $290,000.
Holyoke Dr., 6406, $676,000.
Lafayette Forest Dr., 7705, No. 77, $354,900.
Pontiac Dr., 4711, $960,000.
Rosewood St., 6720, $818,500.
Valerie Ct., 4605, $940,000.
Woodburn Rd., 3378, No. 11, $235,000.

BAILEYS CROSSROADS AREA

George Mason Dr. S., 3705, No. 1717S, $370,000.
George Mason Dr. S., 3709, No. 305, $475,000.
Lakeview Dr., 6508, $2.2 million.
Madison Crest Ct., 6119, $680,000.
Powell Lane, 3800, No. 828, $413,000.
Seminary Rd., 5505, No. 305N, $470,000.

BULL RUN POST OFFICE ROAD AREA

Blueridge View Dr., 15324, $620,000.
Cedarhurst Ct., 15420, $955,000.
Cupids Dart Dr., 5315, $720,000.
Four Chimney Dr., 14530, $485,000.
Meherrin Dr., 15473, $930,000.
Stream Pond Ct., 5819, $579,000.
Winding Woods Ct., 14333, $585,000.

BURKE AREA

Barnacle Pl., 7007, $947,000.
Centaurus Ct., 6212, $689,900.
Dunleigh Dr., 5205, $930,000.
Fushsimi Ct., 6210, $805,000.
Lake Braddock Dr., 8916, $875,000.
Marshall Pond Rd., 10253, $960,000.
Park Woods Lane, 10034, $801,127.
Sunset Woods Ct., 6705, $645,000.
Wye Oak Commons Cir., 12215, $585,000.

CENTREVILLE AREA

Big Yankee Lane, 13984, $495,000.
Golden Oak Rd., 14489, $320,000.
Mossy Bank Lane, 6708, $911,500.
Saguaro Pl., 14451, $365,000.

CHANTILLY AREA

Bauhaus Sq., 4814, $714,999.
Bauhaus Sq., 4842, $678,481.
Carmel Lane, 13519, $666,000.
Glen Manor Dr., 14437, $544,950.
Meadowland Ct., 4134, $277,000.
Ridgeview Retreat Dr., 5146, $815,000.

CLIFTON AREA

Canada Goose Ct., 13518, $615,079.
Ladyslipper Lane, 6602, $1.67 million.
Stallion Rd., 6511, $1.23 million.

FAIRFAX CITY AREA

Abner Ave., 11438, $695,000.
Aristotle Dr., 11345, No. 6-311, $425,000.
Autumn Woods Way, 13060, No. 101, $360,000.
Bear Branch Pl., 9073, $1.52 million.
Carriagepark Ct., 10447, $686,000.
Chestermill Dr., 5511, $1.09 million.
Everleigh Way, 2934, $607,500.
Fountainview Dr., 4325, $1.09 million.
Halsted St., 4109, $816,390.
Kings Crown Ct., 9731, No. 201, $354,000.
Lake Glen Rd., 4007, $715,000.
Manor Pl., 10000, $1.55 million.

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Modano Pl., 8859, $916,000.
Penderview Dr., 3909, No. 1923, $350,000.
Pine Tree Dr., 11709, $1.67 million.
Portsmouth Rd., 5116, $867,000.
Rippon Lodge Dr., 10902, $733,910.
Rosemeade Dr., 4001, $830,000.
Sedgehurst Dr., 4401, No. 204, $389,000.
Stonehenge Way, 4030, $740,000.
Thomas Brigade Lane, 4320, $660,000.
Valley Ridge Dr., 3906, $653,250.
Zion Dr., 10728, $790,000.

FAIRFAX STATION AREA

Crestridge Rd., 8201, $1.1 million.
Laketree Dr., 7303, $1.46 million.
Park Cir. S., 9708, $980,000.

FALLS CHURCH AREA

Alger Rd., 7101, $600,000.
Chestnut Ave., 6813, $785,000.
George Mason Rd. W., 2800, $790,000.
Lakeside Village Dr., 7596-A, $269,900.
Lee Oaks Pl., 2800, No. 302, $419,000.
Nicosh Cir., 3009, No. 4201, $420,000.
Silver Maple Lane, 7501, $1.01 million.
Tulip Dr., 2214, $1.05 million.
Willow St., 6912, $1.82 million.

FALLS CHURCH-PIMMIT AREA

Brooks Square Pl., 2042, $805,000.
Gillen Lane, 2089, $1.06 million.
Howard Ct., 7414, $1.9 million.
Powhatan St., 2103, $2.2 million.

FORT HUNT AREA

Alexandria Ave., 1200, $1.98 million.
Felton Lane, 8318, $839,985.
Stockton Pkwy., 8730, $2.5 million.

GREAT FALLS FOREST AREA

Beach Mill Rd., 10001, $1.75 million.
Jeffery Rd., 9058, $1.59 million.
Miller Ave., 696, $3.29 million.
River Bend Rd., 341, $1.12 million.

HERNDON AREA

Aviation Pl., 13726, $886,000.
Bradwell Rd., 12751, $780,000.
Cellar Creek Way, 1434, $792,000.
Clarke St., 1100, $657,000.
Earhart Cir., 13764, $545,000.
Floris Lane, 2711, $1.98 million.
Grant St., 814, $420,000.
John Glenn St., 3153, $760,000.
Ladybank Lane, 13145, $939,000.
Meadowville Ct., 12015, $1.1 million.
New Parkland Dr., 12804, $1.26 million.
Page Ct., 1024, $800,000.
Robaleed Way, 2702, $1.39 million.
Spring St., 485, $1.15 million.
Wendell Holmes Rd., 12478, $572,000.

HUNTINGTON AREA

Farrington Ave., 2239, No. 5-304, $188,000.
Jefferson Dr., 2621, $565,000.
Mount Eagle Dr., 5902, No. 308, $585,000.
Mount Eagle Dr., 5904, No. 1109, $315,000.
Wagon Dr., 2622, No. 319, $219,000.

HYBLA VALLEY AREA

Clifton Farm Ct., 8281, $666,250.
Napper Rd., 3208, $525,000.
Vantage Dr., 7012, $754,000.

LORTON AREA

Aurora Ct., 8455, $535,000.
Calla Lily Ct., 8888, $841,000.
Fran Ct., 8327, $1.07 million.
Horseshoe Cottage Cir., 8126, $680,000.
Milford Haven Dr., 7747, $491,750.
Sheffield Village Lane, 7657, $510,000.
Sylvania St., 8915, $400,000.

MCLEAN AREA

Alicent Pl., 7013, $945,000.
Fleetwood Rd., 6800, No. 808, $260,000.
Hitt Ave., 6522, $1.15 million.
Kensington St. N., 6253, $1.36 million.
Lowell Ave., 6718, No. 505, $1.33 million.
Lowell Ave., 6718, No. 704, $1.62 million.
Old Chesterbrook Rd., 6800, $2.38 million.
Solitaire Way, 6100, $2.13 million.
Youngblood St., 1812, $1.27 million.

MOUNT VERNON AREA

Buckman Rd., 4254, No. 1, $195,000.
Dolphin Lane, 4413, $960,000.
Fielding St., 4205, $640,000.
Hocking Pl., 8211, $785,520.
Mount Vernon Hwy., 8509, $850,000.
San Leandro Pl., 7900, $295,000.
Wessynton Way, 3416, $990,000.

NORTH SPRINGFIELD AREA

Easton Dr., 5226, $767,500.
Juliet St., 5214, $775,000.
Mitcham Ct., 5511, $612,000.
Yorkshire St., 5517, $925,000.

OAKTON AREA

Flemish Mill Ct., 11737, $1.45 million.
Oakborough Sq., 2906, $870,000.
Tattersall Trail, 11170, $1.23 million.

RESTON AREA

Albot Rd., 2360, $640,000.
Cabots Point Lane, 2127, $1.3 million.
Chimney House Rd., 1690, $1 million.
Double Eagle Ct., 2231, $691,250.

Garden Wall Cir., 1369, $427,000.
Green Watch Way, 2106, No. 101C, $399,000.
Indian Ridge Rd., 11784, $790,000.
Lake Audubon Ct., 2066, $975,000.
Market St., 12000, No. 157, $491,500.
Michael Faraday Dr., 1867, $830,000.
Park Garden Lane, 1307, $875,000.
Reston Station Blvd., 11200, No. 207, $690,000.
Royal Fern Ct., 2049, No. 21C, $419,995.
South Bay Lane, 2109, $1.16 million.
Springwood Dr., 2216, No. 202, $370,000.
Sunrise Valley Dr., 11734, $1.14 million.
Thrush Ridge Rd., 11064, $1.18 million.
Vantage Hill Rd., 11613, No. 12B, $298,000.
Weatherstone Ct., 1244, $785,000.

SEVEN CORNERS AREA

Glavis Rd., 3460, $1.21 million.
Rustic Way Lane, 3416, $1.25 million.

SPRINGFIELD AREA

Amelia St., 5902, $645,000.
Beech Hollow Lane, 8632, $630,000.
Chester Grove Ct., 8573, $546,000.
Daum Ct., 9001, $690,000.
Forsythia St., 6584, $862,500.
Highland St., 6826, $620,000.
Laurel Oak Dr., 8485, $508,550.
Michael Robert Dr., 6383, $588,000.
Revenna Lane, 8017, $600,000.
Roundabout Way, 7818, $825,000.

VIENNA AREA

Amanda Pl., 8457, $1.4 million.
Bellforest Ct., 2701, No. 305, $520,000.
Branch Rd. SE, 406, $985,000.
Citadel Pl., 8230, $842,449.
Gretna Pl., 2900, $1.5 million.
Kearney Ct. SW, 609, $1.18 million.
Laura Gae Cir., 2825, $919,000.
Newkirk Ct., 1296, $1.85 million.
Oak St. SW, 116, $1.71 million.
Raglan Rd., 8530, $804,900.
Spinet Ct., 9505, $1.32 million.
Ware St. SW, 705, $925,000.
Woodrow St., 10002, $1.91 million.

WEST SPRINGFIELD AREA

Bridle Wood Dr., 8703, $759,000.
Forrest Hollow Lane, 6004, $679,000.
Greeley Blvd., 8108, $725,000.
Limerick Ct., 6403, $710,000.
Oakford Dr., 8510, $975,000.
Smithfield Ave., 8200, $772,200.
Tiburon Ct., 6507, $925,000.

FAIRFAX CITY

These sales data were recorded by the City of Fairfax Real Estate Assessment Office.
Devilwood Ct., 3607, $760,000.
Main St., 10355, $980,000.
Saint Andrews Dr., 9718, $775,000.

FALLS CHURCH

Among homes sold in Falls Church.
Ellison Sq., 1002, $945,000.
Falls Station Blvd. W., 255, No. 212, $850,000.
Falls Station Blvd. W., 255, No. 513, $720,000.
Flagmaker Ct., 6572, $930,000.
Park Ave., 429, $1.5 million.
Shadow Walk, 307, $1.83 million.

LOUDOUN COUNTY

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ALDIE-BRADDOCK ROAD AREA

Bigleaf Ct., 23926, $1.7 million.
Crested Iris Terr., 25342, $600,000.
Hickory Meadow Terr., 41940, $687,490.
Huntwick Glen Sq., 26033, $840,000.
Lansing Woods Lane, 23291, $2.33 million.
Maplehurst Dr., 41064, $1.44 million.
Parkside Village Cir., 23404, $1.42 million.
Poplar Meadow Terr., 41919, $700,000.
Red Cherry Dr., 25641, $900,000.
Scarlet Maple Ct., 24824, $1.38 million.
Sweetspire Sq., 25119, $821,500.
Zircon Dr., 42026, $985,000.

ALGONKIAN REGIONAL PARK AREA

Bickel Ct., 108, $440,000.
Cliftons Point St., 20351, $1.11 million.
Lacroys Point Terr., 46848, $590,000.
Milthorn Terr., 46246, $600,000.
Primula Ct., 46494, $925,000.
Trinity Sq., 20931, $720,800.
Winterset Ct., 46659, $735,000.

ASHBURN AREA

Ardmore St., 43295, $747,500.
Beechwood Terr., 20273, No. 103, $305,000.
Breeders Run Ct., 20647, $695,000.
Charter Oak Dr., 20323, $705,000.
Duxbury Terr., 20765, $835,000.
Ferncliff Terr., 44060, $465,000.
Hardwood Terr., 20129, $607,000.
Hope Spring Terr., 20620, No. 401, $541,000.
Kings Arms Sq., 44035, $610,000.

Little Creek Terr., 20515, No. 101, $428,000.
Metro Terr., 43778, $684,990.
Natalie Terr., 44114, No. 102, $325,000.
Oakmont Manor Sq., 44357, $662,000.
Peach Flower Terr., 19680, $880,164.
Rocky Knoll Sq., 21004, No. 303, $494,900.
Ryder Cup Sq., 43613, $830,000.
Southwind Terr., 20681, $621,000.
Timber Ridge Terr., 20985, No. 303, $346,000.
Yellowbloom Ct., 20874, $895,000.

BROADLANDS-ARCOLA AREA

Ashley Heights Cir., 43152, $1.06 million.
Bittner Sq., 42900, $817,000.
Bolton Crescent Terr., 23640, No. 203, $670,017.
Chisholm Dr., 42694, $1.01 million.
Copper Tree Terr., 23058, $903,440.
Crosswind Terr., 43147, $619,000.
Farringdon Sq., 43288, $607,000.
Flowing Spring Sq., 22672, $754,000.
Founders Park Terr., 43460, $746,950.
Gilded Stone Terr., 42116, $995,144.
Hollyhock Terr., 42435, No. 302, $375,000.
Jefferson Park St., 43562, $722,960.
Jefferson Park St., 43576, $549,950.
Loudoun Reserve Dr., 43167, $680,000.
Minerva Dr., 23004, $1.35 million.
Night Nurse Cir., 41890, $1.24 million.
Picasso Sq., 42102, $763,880.
Southdown Manor Terr., 23286, No. 118, $501,000.
Tawny Pine Sq., 22799, $893,711.
Tawny Pine Sq., 22909, $710,710.
Thornhill Pl., 21513, $1.05 million.
Twin Falls Terr., 23466, $749,900.
Wealdstone Terr., 43168, $540,000.

BULL RUN POST OFFICE ROAD AREA

Linton Pasture Pl., 26422, $1.62

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DULLES AREA

Grand Central Sq., 45559, $600,000.
Pitlochry Terr., 42581, $590,020.
Thompson Sq., 21929, $570,000.

HAMILTON AREA

Charles Town Pike, 40107, $1.07 million.
James St. S., 20, $593,000.
Stone Eden Dr., 38172, $1.4 million.

LEESBURG-LUCKETTS-LANSDOWNE AREA

Bonnie Ridge Dr. NE, 704, $900,000.
Cattail Creek Dr., 42725, $898,270.
Coppermine Sq., 19436, $825,000.
Edwards Ferry Rd. NE, 311, $770,000.
Fox Crossing Terr., 18323, $921,400.
Glen Oak Way, 18250, $1.43 million.
Lansdowne Woods Blvd., 19400, No. 110, $520,000.
Mill Dam Pl., 19397, $1.3 million.
Newton Pass Sq., 19430, $437,000.
Rosebrook Ct. NW, 110, $995,000.
Smartts Lane NE, 1025, $540,000.
Washington St. NE, 120-4, No. 7, $200,000.

LEESBURG-WATSON AREA

Akan St. SE, 1017, $1.33 million.
Coltrane Sq., 41052, $750,000.
Crimson Pl., 20428, $1.77 million.
Fort Evans Rd. SE, 124, No. B, $367,577.
Herndon Ct., 19561, $735,000.
Muffin Ct. SE, 122, $935,000.
Ribbon Limestone Terr. SE, 1505, $975,000.
Stoic St. SE, 224, $1.55 million.
Thomas Mill Rd., 39913, $749,000.
Watson Rd., 23045, $826,000.

LOVETTSVILLE AREA

Church St. S., 20, $525,000.
Midlands Farm Lane, 13487, $1.3 million.
Volksmarch Cir., 12913, $735,000.

PURCELLVILLE AREA

Allder School Rd., 36745, $1.57 million.
Fordson Ct., 14636, $1.99 million.
Misty Pond Terr., 105, $635,000.
Pleasant Meadow Lane, 19964, $1.27 million.
Walnut Park Lane, 36976, $1.53 million.

ROUND HILL AREA

Cody Farm Dr., 35758, $875,000.
Lethridge Cir., 17435, $709,990.

SOUTH RIDING AREA

Abney Wood Dr., 42341, $1.17 million.
Cedar Hedge St., 42838, $655,000.
Dabner Dr., 25487, $1.08 million.
Longworth Terr., 42806, $545,000.
Offenham Terr., 42621, $730,000.
Paddock Trail Pl., 27745, $1.77 million.
Rolling Rock Sq., 42701, $713,000.

STERLING AREA

Argus Pl., 302, $449,500.
Carolina Ct., 32, $475,000.
Cypress Ct. S., 815, $420,000.
Great Trail Terr., 22340, $595,000.
Juniper Ave. E., 261, $660,000.
Rabbitrun Terr., 46891, $571,000.
Sue Ann Ct., 111, $700,000.

WATERFORD AREA

Charles Henry Pl., 39695, $1.52 million.

FAUQUIER COUNTY

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Beales Ct., 6415, $550,000.
Bristersburg Rd., 11459, $850,000.
Carriage Chase Cir., 230, $715,000.
Cobbler Mountain Rd., 3513, $779,000.
Devon Dr., 430, $649,900.
English Chase Lane, 115, $715,000.
Fox Trail, 7209, $675,000.
Highland Towne Lane, 546, $418,950.
Iron Bit Dr., 7345, $920,000.
Lee St. E., 133, $550,000.
Merry Oaks Rd., 5295, $1.3 million.
Old Stonehouse Lane, 2980, $550,000.
Saint Pauls Rd., 11248, $426,000.
Split Oak St., 135, $430,000.
Sunrise Ct., 7195, $635,000.
Turnbull Rd., 8452, $480,000.
Willow Pl., 6161, No. 104, $215,000.

BROAD RUN AREA

Camrose Lane, 6155, $648,075.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

These sales data recorded by the Prince William County Real Estate Assessments Office were provided by Black Knight Inc.

BRISTOW AREA

Bittersweet Lane, 10539, $677,000.
Colesmire Gate Way, 13459, $525,000.
Garry Glen Dr., 12630, $775,000.
Linton Hall Rd., 8608, $517,000.
Scottish Hunt Lane, 13221, $850,000.

BROAD RUN AREA

Turner Rd., 6025, $725,000.

DALE CITY AREA

Brahms Dr., 3398, $513,000.
Concord Dr., 15129, $479,000.
Eastlawn Ave., 4521, $415,000.
Forestdale Ave., 3497, $410,000.
Kerrydale Rd., 13616, $500,000.
Macwood Dr., 5353, $472,000.
Moonbeam Dr., 5949, $801,000.
Nixon Lane, 13206, $645,000.
Polar Ct., 13551, $565,000.
Roundtree Dr., 5618, $526,000.
Spotted Turtle Ct., 15200, $820,000.
Yellow Turtle Pl., 5341, $500,000.

DUMFRIES AREA

Curtis Dr., 17849, $470,000.
October Glory Loop, 17528, $655,500.
Sedgewick Pl., 2532, $359,999.
Woods View Dr., 17934, $915,000.

GAINESVILLE AREA

Barrymore Ct., 13831, $1.1 million.
Brunson Cir., 7471, $464,000.
Cinch Lane, 13854, $715,000.
Gallant Fox Ct., 6046, $610,000.
Kylewood Way, 14574, $405,000.
Newbern Loop, 14335, $515,000.
Screech Owl Ct., 8903, $640,000.
Tred Avon Pl., 6805, $850,000.

HAYMARKET AREA

Aster Haven Cir., 6189, $485,000.
Cloverland Lane, 15579, $1.64 million.
Fayette St., 6691, $436,450.
Heather Mill Lane, 15120, No. 302, $450,000.
Latham Dr., 4002, $955,000.
Noyes Ave., 6924, $940,000.
Seneca Knoll Way, 15008, $825,000.
Tinley Mill Dr., 6033, $1.35 million.

MANASSAS AREA

Alendale Ct., 11155, $751,000.
Brewer Creek Pl., 9005, $574,999.
Catrock Sluice Way, 15600, $664,500.
Commonwealth Ct., 6521, $905,000.
Curling Rd., 12588, $1.12 million.
Forest Oak Ct., 12798, $509,000.
Heritage Crossing Ct., 8210, $439,000.
Holbrook Ct., 7625, $925,000.
Koman Cir., 11002, No. 202, $305,000.
Mayfield Trace Pl., 10872, $820,000.
Pamplin Pipe Ct., 15533, $763,000.
Pennycress St., 10944, $435,000.
Richie Ct., 13505, $835,000.
Spotsylvania St., 9410, $430,000.
Summer Breeze Pl., 8456, $800,000.
Wheeler Ridge Dr., 11189, $850,000.
Willowbend Turn, 8328, $634,450.
Winfield Loop, 10612, $485,000.

MANASSAS PARK AREA

Buckhall Farm Ct., 9409, $750,000.
Greystone Rd., 10282, $650,000.

MONTCLAIR AREA

Apple Cider Ct., 3709, $720,000.
Dancing Leaf Pl., 16073, $565,000.
Inlet Pl., 15385, $465,000.
La Mauricie Loop, 4158, $500,000.
Marbury Heights Way, 15737, $809,000.
Spring Branch Blvd., 5145, $470,000.
Willow Oak Pl., 5068, $770,000.

NOKESVILLE AREA

Fitzwater Dr., 12917, $635,000.
Pine View Estates Ct., 11165, $1.27 million.

TRIANGLE AREA

Barnette Cir., 18907, $452,000.
Summit Pointe Dr., 18216, $550,000.

WOODBRIDGE AREA

Angelfish Way, 655, $812,825.
Belmont Bay Dr., 440, No. 406, $625,000.
Boatswain Cir., 16512, $735,000.
Burgundy Pl., 2870, $300,000.
Cardamom Dr., 12010, $320,000.
Chablis Cir., 2835, $270,000.
Columbia Rd., 1301, $425,000.
Critton Cir., 11751, $510,000.
Dara Dr., 12705, No. 103, $169,000.
Eastbourne Dr., 2509, $424,000.
Garfield Pl., 13621, No. 302, $330,000.
Gullane Dr., 13839, $490,000.
Jed Forest Lane, 16857, $465,000.
Kew Gardens Dr., 2259, $400,000.
Lotte Dr., 12703, No. 1, $200,000.
Maple Ridge Dr., 2675, $700,000.
Mason Creek Cir., 14807, $449,999.
Mountain Eagle Ct., 16116, $790,000.
Pebble Brooke Ct., 12006, $695,000.
Regents Park Dr., 15296, $490,000.
Sandy Ridge Ct., 16340, $925,000.
Sunny Brook Ct., 3949, $444,900.
Thenia Pl., 1660, $305,000.
Truffle Oak Pl., 2924, $405,000.
Woodlawn Ct., 12328, $433,000.

MANASSAS

These were among homes sold in the City of Manassas.

MANASSAS AREA

Bragg Lane, 9746, $360,000.
Cedar Ridge Dr., 10267, $695,000.
Felsted Lane, 8351, $364,000.
Mallow Ct., 9977, $605,000.
Olde Mill Run, 8866, $573,000.
Portner Ave., 9021, $240,000.
Timberwood Ct., 9218, $560,000.

MANASSAS PARK

These were among homes sold in the City of Manassas Park.

MANASSAS PARK AREA

Carondelet Dr. E., 9306, $650,000.
Manassas Dr., 215, $550,000.
Polk Dr., 167, $425,000.
Walker Way, 9511, $417,000.

STAFFORD COUNTY

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Aquia Dr., 2135, $428,200.
Avery Point Dr., 5972, $599,000.
Blossom Wood Ct., 26, $670,000.
Bristol Ct., 53, $355,000.
Broad Lake Dr., 1029, $875,401.
Brush Everard Ct., 66, $655,000.
Camden Dr., 303, $499,900.
Carlsbad Dr., 39, $605,000.
Clydesdale Rd., 22, $629,000.
Copeland Hill Dr., 1005, $875,000.
Crestview Dr., 4, $1.5 million.
Cutting Way, 509, $994,282.
Elm St., 15, $820,000.
Fletcher Dr., 34, $605,000.
Frantz Ct., 10, $570,000.
Greenridge Dr., 19, $447,000.
Hampstead Farm Lane, 206, $1.2 million.
Hay Barn Rd., 15, $485,000.
Homers Lane, 90, $460,000.
Hyssop Way, 30, No. 301, $447,915.
Kelley Rd., 58, $500,000.
Larkwood Ct., 6, $530,000.
Liberty Hall Dr., 316, $920,000.
Lupine Dr., 70, $1.03 million.
McKittrick Dr., 139, $729,375.
Misty Creek Lane, 32, $905,000.
Mountain View Rd., 1340, $740,000.
Oak Dr., 10, $295,000.
Park Brook Ct., 204, $410,000.
Poplar Rd., 259, $1.07 million.
Puller Pl., 20, $530,000.
Regatta Lane, 104, $500,000.
River Farm Dr., 10, $686,500.
Rugby Rd., 304, $390,000.
Sanford Dr., 199, $368,000.
Smithfield Way, 24, $405,000.
Tacketts Mill Rd., 608, $375,000.
Truslow Rd., 866, $450,000.
Vineyard Ct., 6, $627,000.
Westwood Dr., 3, $375,000.
Wild Plum Ct., 27, $560,000.
Winterberry Dr., 790, $675,000.